

SESSION OF 2011

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 129**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Ethics and Elections

**Brief\***

SB 129 would change election requirements for filling a vacated Senate office. If the vacancy occurred before May 1, changed by the bill from October 15, in the second year of the term, a senator would be elected in the next general election. Anyone appointed to the office would serve until that election. The bill would specify that the nomination and election process of the successor senator would be the same as that for a regular Senate term. A person appointed to a Senate office vacated after May 1 in the second year of a term would stay in the office for the remainder of the term.

**Background**

The Deputy Secretary of State for Elections and Legislative Matters testified in support of the bill. He stated the date change would allow for a candidate filing period and a primary election. There was no other testimony.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Secretary of State indicates passage of this bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures. Any effect on county election offices would be negligible.

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>