

SESSION OF 2019

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2191

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2191 would amend law concerning the execution of search warrants. Specifically, the bill would state warrants issued after July 1, 2019, for electronically stored information, electronic devices, or media capable of storing electronically stored information located in Kansas would authorize the transfer of such information, devices, or media for examination and review anywhere within the state or outside the state at any time after the seizure unless otherwise specified by the warrant.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Kansas County and District Attorneys Association (KCDAA). Representatives of KCDAA and the Kansas State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police testified in support of the bill, stating the change is necessary to assist law enforcement in the retrieval and review of electronically stored evidence seized pursuant to a warrant. A representative of the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Kansas Sheriffs' Association provided written-only proponent testimony. No other testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on the operations of the Judicial Branch.

*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>