

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 158**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Federal  
and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 158, as amended, would designate the official state dances as the polka and square dancing.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Senator Miller.

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Miller, and three private citizens testified in favor of the bill. Proponents generally indicated that the bill would designate a state dance that is prevalent across the state and is an important part of the history of Kansas. Written proponent testimony was provided by representatives of Czechland Polka Band, Kansas Czechs Inc., Moravan Lodge No. 128, and a private citizen.

Additional testimony was received after the hearing from representatives of the Kansas Square Dance Association, Kansas Square Dance Callers Association, and two private citizens. The additional testimony asked that square dancing also be considered for designation as the official state dance. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to add square dancing as one of the official state dances.

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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>

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Kansas Historical Society indicates that the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.