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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2256

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2256 would revise the crime of electioneering contained in KSA 25-2430, as follows:

- The bill would add to those conditions constituting the crime, the gathering of signatures or otherwise circulating any petition within a polling place on election day or an advance voting site during the time allowed for advance voting within a 250-foot radius from the entrance of the polling place or advance voting site; and
- The bill would add a second exemption from what constitutes electioneering: wearing, exhibiting, or distributing labels, signs, posters, stickers, or other materials that clearly identify a candidate in the election or clearly indicate a position on a question submitted election at a location separated from a polling place or advance voting site by a public street, road, or highway.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections. In the House Committee hearing, Representative Carpenter testified in favor of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

The House Committee amended the bill by returning to current law the 250-foot perimeter within which no electioneering may occur. The bill, as introduced, had reduced the number to 100 feet.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill, the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities indicate enactment of the bill is not expected to have a fiscal effect.