

SESSION OF 2018

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2474**

As Recommended by House Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

HB 2474 would replace the requirement that the judge or clerk of a district court record the marriage on the court's marriage record and then forward the license, marriage certificate, names of the parties, and name and address of the officiant to the Secretary of Health and Environment (Secretary), with a requirement that the judge or clerk submit the information from the license to the vital statistics integrated information system maintained by the Secretary, or by other means as designated by the Secretary and the Judicial Administrator. The bill would remove a requirement that the judge or clerk notify the Secretary if no marriage license has been issued during a month.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Judiciary at the request of the Judicial Branch.

In the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators testified in support of the bill, explaining that district court clerks currently enter marriage license information electronically via the information system, making the sending of the physical marriage license redundant. A representative of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment provided neutral written-only testimony. No opponent testimony was provided.

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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>

The House Committee recommended the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would reduce expenditures for the Judicial Branch by reducing court clerk staff workload and postage costs, but a precise fiscal effect cannot be estimated. Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2019 Governor's Budget Report*.