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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2172

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2172 would amend law concerning the late filing of lobbyists' reports and the beginning of the 48-hour "grace period" (grace period) before civil penalties begin to accrue when reports are late.

The bill would change the beginning of the grace period before a civil penalty would be imposed for failure to file written statements of substantial interests from the day a notice to comply with the registration and reporting requirements is received to the date such notice is mailed.

The bill would also change the beginning of the grace period before revocation of a lobbyist's registration. A civil penalty would be imposed for failure to file a report of employment and expenditures, or an affidavit of intent by a lobbyist, from the day a notice to file an amended report correcting the deficiency is received to the date such notice is mailed.

Background

The bill was introduced in the House Committee on Elections by Representative Blake Carpenter on behalf of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC).

In the House Committee hearing, the Executive Director of the KGEC provided proponent testimony, stating the bill

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would provide clarity on when the grace periods would begin and would provide consistency in enforcement between lobbyist reporting laws and the Campaign Finance Act.

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the KGEC and the Office of the Secretary of State indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.