

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2555

As Recommended by House Committee on
Elections

Brief*

HB 2555 would require a county election officer to send a notice to a registered voter to confirm such registrant's current address if such registrant has had no election-related activity for any four calendar year period.

The bill would define "no election related activity" to mean such registrant has not voted, attempted to vote, requested or submitted an advance ballot application, filed an updated voter registration card, signed a petition required by law to be verified by the county election officer or Secretary of State, or responded to any official election mailing transmitted by the county election office.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representatives Ellis and Proctor.

House Committee on Elections

In the House Committee hearing, Representative Proctor and a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State provided **proponent** testimony. Proponents generally stated the bill would add another reason for the county election officer to send a confirmation notice to a voter's address and help with ongoing voter roll maintenance.

*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>

Representatives of the Disability Rights Center of Kansas, Kansas Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, League of Women Voters of Kansas, and Loud Light Civic Action provided **opponent** testimony. Opponents generally expressed concerns about registered voters being removed from voter rolls and the impact on minorities, young voters, and individuals with disabilities. Written-only opponent testimony was provided by a representative of the ACLU of Kansas.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association who is also the Harvey County Clerk.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Office of the Secretary of State indicates costs associated with enactment of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill would increase costs for counties related to postage and labor, but such costs would vary by each county's population and the number of personnel and supplies required. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

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