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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 78

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 78 would require reports filed by treasurers for candidates for the House of Representatives and the Senate be filed electronically and only with the Secretary of State.

Background

The electronic filing requirement has applied to reports filed by treasurers for candidates for statewide office since 2009. Electronic filing is optional for treasurers for candidates for House and Senate seats.

The bill was requested by the Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC), who was the sole conferee to the Senate Committee. She said such a bill was recommended in the KGEC's FY 2014 Annual Report and Recommendations, and 43 percent of House candidates and 42 percent of Senate candidates filed electronically in the 2014 election cycle. She also said reports filed electronically are easier to read, the format is uniform, review would be simplified, and the public would have immediate access to the information.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the KGEC estimates enactment of the bill would result in reductions in expenditures of \$783 in FY 2016 from the State General Fund (SGF) for printing and postage costs related to mailing reports to House and Senate campaign treasurers. In FY 2017, the agency estimates reductions in SGF expenditures for printing and mailing of \$1,928. It is expected there would be little or no fiscal effect on the

*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>.

Secretary of State. Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2016 Governor's Budget Report*.