

SESSION OF 2006

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 68**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 68 would amend the Campaign Finance Act.

The bill, as amended, would require party and political action committees to file independent expenditure reports with the Secretary of State on any expenditure in excess of \$1000 during the period commencing 11 days before a primary or general election and ending the day before the election that expressly advocated the election or defeat of a candidate.

In addition to the amount, date and purpose of each expenditure, the committee would have to report the name of each party or political action committee which has made, or contracted to make, an independent expenditure in excess of \$1000 and the name of the candidate for whom the expenditure expressly advocated the election or defeat. These same reporting provisions would apply if the expenditure is made to an advertisement agency, public relations firm, or political consultant for distribution.

Expenditure reports would have to be filed by hand delivery, express delivery service, facsimile transmission, or any electronic method authorized by the Secretary of State on or before the next business day in which the expenditure was made.

**Background**

The Executive Director of the Governmental Ethics Commission testified that reports that are made 11 days before the general election through the date of the general election are not disclosed until the January 10 Receipts and Expenditures Report, therefore the public would not know who made expenditures 11 days prior to an election.

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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 proponents were: the Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission, and a representative of an ad hoc Lobbyist Campaign Finance committee.

There were no opponents to the bill.

The fiscal note indicates that passage of the bill would have no fiscal impact on the Governmental Ethics Commission.