## Corrected SESSION OF 2009

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 86

As Recommended by Senate Committee on Judiciary

## **Brief\***

SB 86 would amend current law to delete the requirement that the Secretary of State charge a corporation a fee for a letter of good standing. A letter of good standing is an uncertified statement issued by the Kansas Secretary of State's Office stating that a business entity is, at the time of the request, qualified and in good standing, having met all the requirements governing this type of business in the State of Kansas.

## **Background**

The proponent of the bill who testified at the Senate Committee hearing was Stephanie Mickelson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. She testified that the Secretary of State is required to charge a corporation for a certificate of good standing which provides similar data as a letter of good standing. Ms. Mickelson testified that the requested amendment would reduce redundancies and streamline services.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill.

The Office of the Secretary of State indicates the agency would continue to provide certificates of good standing that would be redesigned to include data provided in the letter of good standing. The Office of the Secretary of State indicates

<sup>\*</sup>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

that the agency anticipates reducing the fee on the certificate of good standing to the lower letter of good standing fee. This would result in a reduction of \$68,490 in fee fund revenue, beginning in FY 2011. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of SB 86 is not accounted for in *The FY 2010 Governor's Budget Report*.