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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 145

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 145 would add to the Campaign Finance Act requirements for a disclosure statement in any radio or television ad that clearly expresses the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office. The statement would have to be spoken, and the bill would specify minimum wording for the statement. The statement could be made by a candidate, the chairperson or treasurer or a party or political committee, an individual, or another person as a representative of a corporation, group, or entity.

Background

Senator Vicki Schmidt testified in favor of the bill. There was no other testimony.

If the bill is enacted, violation of the disclosure statement requirements would make the entity guilty of "corrupt political advertising." Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is a class C misdemeanor. Civil penalties under the Campaign Finance Act also could apply.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states that, according to the Governmental Ethics Commission, the bill would have no fiscal effect on state revenues or expenditures.

*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>