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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 102

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Ethics and Elections

Brief*

SB 102 would increase certain fees credited to the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund.

Filing fees for candidates for these offices:

Candidates Affected	Current Amount	Proposed Amount
Governor and lieutenant governor	\$480.00	\$500.00
Other statewide offices	\$480.00	\$500.00
State senator, state representative, State Board of Education, district attorney, Board of Public Utilities of the City of Kansas City; elected county offices	\$35.00	\$50.00
Members of boards of education of unified school districts having 35,000 or more pupils, members of governing bodies of cities of the first class, elected district court judges	\$35.00	\$50.00

Fees for political committees that have these amounts of receipts in any calendar year:

Political Committees Affected	Current Amount	Proposed Amount
Anticipated receipts of \$2,501 or more	\$240.00	\$720.00

*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>

Political Committees Affected	Current Amount	Proposed Amount
Anticipated receipts of more than \$500 but less than \$2,501	\$35.00	\$105.00
Anticipated receipts of \$500 or less	\$20.00	\$60.00
Anticipated receipts of less than \$2,500 but receipts exceed \$2,500	\$240.00	\$720.00
Anticipated receipts of less than \$500 but receipts exceed \$500 and are less than \$2,501	\$20.00	\$45.00

Fees paid by registered lobbyists:

Lobbyists Affected	Current Amount	Proposed Amount
Anticipated spending of \$1,000 or less on behalf of any one employer (per employer)	\$35.00	\$105.00
Anticipated spending of more than \$1,000 on behalf of any one employer (per employer)	\$300.00	\$900.00
Additional fee if anticipated spending on behalf of any one employer is less than \$1,000 but actual spending exceeds \$1,000	\$220.00	\$795.00
Employee of a lobbying group or firm (not an owner or partner)	\$360.00	\$1,080.00

Background

The executive director of the Governmental Ethics Commission testified in support of the bill. No neutral or opposition testimony was offered.

These fees are deposited into the Governmental Ethics Commission Fee Fund, and the balance of moneys needed to

run the agency has come from the State General Fund. Other moneys that are deposited into the Fee Fund are civil penalties for failing to file reports properly and civil fines imposed for violations of the Campaign Finance Act and the State Governmental Ethics Law. The fees that would be increased in the bill were last increased in 2000.

The term “political committee” in Section 2 of the bill is defined in KSA 2010 Supp. 25-4143(k), as “any combination of two or more individuals or any person other than an individual, a major purpose of which is to expressly advocate the nomination, election, or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office or make contributions to or expenditures for the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for state or local office.”

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Governmental Ethics Commission estimated the bill would increase revenue to the Fee Fund by \$251,230 in fiscal year 2012 and by \$259,690 in fiscal year 2013. The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 does anticipate a higher level of fee income, to allow for lower levels of State General Fund support.