

SESSION OF 2015

## SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2182

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

### **Brief\***

HB 2182 would allow any political committee established by a state committee of any political party and designated as a recognized political committee for the Senate or the House of Representatives to receive a contribution during Legislative Session (technically, from January 2 through *sine die* adjournment of the Legislature) from a registered lobbyist, political committee or person, other than an individual. This would be accomplished by deleting reference to these political committees from the list of those individuals or groups prohibited from receiving such contributions.

The bill also would allow a general public solicitation for campaign contributions during legislative session not targeted toward a specific individual and which is distributed *via* social media. This would be accomplished by providing an exception to the prohibition against soliciting any contribution from specified individuals and groups during Legislative Session (same meaning as in the previous paragraph). Individuals and entities otherwise prohibited from soliciting contributions during this time would be any legislator, legislative candidate, statewide-elected officer or candidate for statewide-elected office, or candidate committee for any of these.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections. Testifying in favor of the bill in that committee was

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the chairperson of the Kansas Republican Party. He stated since recognized party committees provide general support for all party candidates in their purview and operate statewide, they should not have special limits placed on fundraising that do not apply to other party committees. He said the four organizations affected by the bill are the Senate Democrats Committee, Kansans for a Democratic House, Republican House Campaign Committee, and Kansas Republican Senatorial Committee.

The Executive Director of the Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission (KGEC) provided neutral testimony in the House Committee hearing. She suggested subsection (c) in the bill as introduced is unnecessary because the changes to subsection (a)(6) would make subsection (c) redundant.

The House Committee amended the bill by deleting subsection (c) of the bill.

The fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced states the bill would have no fiscal effect on the KGEC.