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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2129

As Amended by House Committee on Elections

Brief*

HB 2129 would amend existing law concerning county treasurers. The bill would change the starting date of county treasurers' terms of office from the second Tuesday in October following the election to the second Monday in February following the election.

Background

Representative Alcala testified in support of the bill, indicating he did not believe there should be such an extended time between the election of a treasurer and the treasurer taking office. A representative from the Shawnee County Counselor's Office also testified in support of the bill. He stated the original purpose of the extra time was to allow an outgoing treasurer to prepare clean books for the incoming treasurer. The representative also indicated modern technology has eliminated that need for time between election and assuming office.

Representatives from the Crawford County Treasurer's Office and the Riley County Treasurer's Office testified in opposition to the bill. They indicated treasurer terms begin in October to coincide with annual audits to avoid the expense of an additional audit when a new treasurer takes office. The representatives also indicated having a treasurer's term begin in October protected the county's tax dollars by giving an incoming treasurer time to orient themselves in the job before the January distribution, which is the largest distribution of the

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year.

There was no neutral testimony on the bill.

The House Committee on Elections amended the bill by changing the starting date of county treasurer terms from the second Monday in January following the election to the second Monday in February following the election.

According to the fiscal note on the original bill, the Office of the Secretary of State indicated passage of the bill would have no impact on state revenues or expenditures. A request to the Kansas Association of Counties for information on fiscal effects was pending at the time of House Elections Committee action on the bill.