

SESSION OF 2014

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2534

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2534 would allow the governing body of any city that previously established a recreation system and the governing body of a school district wholly or partially located within that city, to jointly initiate conversion of the city's recreation system to a school district recreation system, subject to the following process:

- A joint ordinance and resolution is required, proposing to change the existing city recreation system to a school district recreation system and authorizing publication of a notice of intent to do so;
- The notice must be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper; and
- If a petition requesting an election on the question is signed by at least five percent of the qualified voters of the school district within 30 days of the last publication of the notice, an election shall be held.

If a new school district recreation system is established pursuant to the bill, the following stipulations will apply:

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- The mill levy rate for the new system will not be subject to the current one mill levy limitation for a new recreation system;
- The conversion must provide for the following:
 - The transfer of assets from the city recreation system to the school district recreation system;
 - Assumption of the liabilities of the city recreation system by the school district recreation system;
 - Maintenance and continuation of the operations of the school district recreation system; and
- The members of the city recreation commission would serve the balance of their respective terms in office as members of the school district recreation commission. Upon expiration of those terms, members would be appointed by the governing body of the school district.

Background

Representative Doll and the Superintendent of the Garden City Recreation Commission testified in support of the bill at the House Committee hearing, noting this conversion would match the tax base for the recreation system to the people actually using the recreation center, since the school district covers most of the county. Legislation authorizing the conversion of a school district recreation system to a city recreation system (a conversion in the opposite direction) was enacted in 2012.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill, nor any neutral testimony.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicated passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect on the cities or counties of Kansas.