

SESSION OF 2022

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2473

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2473 would amend law governing the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Douglas County Law Library (Board).

Under current law, the Board is composed of all the district judges of the Douglas County District Court and at least two attorneys. The attorney members are elected for two-year terms by a majority of attorneys residing in Douglas County. [Note: These provisions apply to all counties except Johnson and Sedgwick counties.]

The bill would instead apply to Douglas County the continuing law governing the composition of Johnson and Sedgwick counties' law libraries' boards of trustees. Under these provisions, the Board would include two judges of the district court, appointed by a consensus of all judges of the district court, and three members of the county's bar association, appointed pursuant to the bar association's bylaws for two-year terms.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representatives Highberger and Neelly.

*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>

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on January 18, 2022, a Douglas County District Court judge testified as a **proponent**, explaining the change would bring Douglas County in line with the current composition of Johnson and Sedgwick counties' law libraries' boards of trustees and allow better use of resources while limiting the effect of the change on counties with fewer district court judges.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Office of Judicial Administration indicates enactment of the bill could have a fiscal effect on the Judicial Branch by freeing most Douglas County District Court judges of the obligation of being a required member of the Board. Any fiscal effect associated with enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2023 Governor's Budget Report*.

Douglas County Law Library; board of trustees