

SESSION OF 2017

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2102

As Recommended by House Committee on
Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2102 would amend law relating to meetings held by county commissioners, by requiring that the board of county commissioners meet on such days and times each month as established by resolution adopted by the board. Current law requires boards of county commissioners in certain counties to meet on the first Monday of each month at the county seat. The bill would strike language differentiating meeting requirements of commissioners in counties with more than 8,000 inhabitants.

The bill would allow for a special session to be called for the transaction of any business by a call of the majority of board members and would remove language about transacting general or special business and calling special sessions as often as the interest and business of the county may demand. The bill would clarify the business transacted at any special session would be governed by that business set out in the call for the meeting.

Additionally, the bill would replace the term “chairman” with “chairperson.”

Background

HB 2102 was introduced by the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs at the request of Representative Highland. In the House Committee hearing, Representative

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Highland testified in support of the bill. Written proponent testimony also was provided by a Pottawatomie County commissioner. No neutral or opponent testimony was submitted.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would not have a fiscal effect for the State. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the bill could result in increased expenditures for counties currently not holding monthly board of commissioners meetings.