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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 194

As Amended by Senate Committee on Local Government

Brief*

SB 194, as amended, would require members of a hospital board to be qualified electors of either the county where the hospital is located or any county adjacent to such county. The bill would require a majority of the members of the hospital board to be residents of the county in which the hospital is located.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

SB 194 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator McGinn.

Senate Committee on Local Government

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Billinger provided proponent testimony. He noted Logan, Gove, and Thomas counties include portions of the city of Oakley, where the Logan County Hospital is located, and the hospital board struggles to find and retain members. No other testimony was provided.

*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
The Senate Committee amended the bill to specify that a majority of the members of the board must be residents of the county in which the hospital is located.

Fiscal Information

No fiscal note was available when the Senate Committee recommended the amended bill.