

February 14, 2011

The Honorable Roger Reitz, Chairperson  
Senate Committee on Local Government  
Statehouse, Room 223-E  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Reitz:

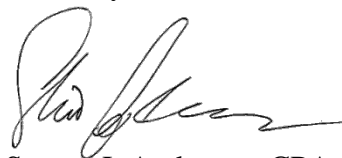
**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Note for SB 163 by Senate Committee on Local Government

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 163 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 163 would amend current law to allow the board of county commissioners of any county to adopt a resolution abolishing the office of county administrator at any time after four years have passed from the date the office was established. The bill would require the commission to publish the resolution once a week for two weeks in the official county newspaper. The resolution could not take effect until 60 days after its final publication, and if, within 60 days, a petition signed by not less than 5.0 percent of the qualified voters of the county is filed with the county election officer, the resolution would need to be submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the county voters. The board of county commissioners could also submit the resolution to a referendum without a petition being filed.

According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of SB 163 could cause savings in salaries and wages if a county abolished the position of county administrator. However, because the county administrator's duties would have to be reallocated, part of that savings could be used to hire someone to perform those duties. In addition, passage of the bill would result in additional expense if an election must be held.

Sincerely,



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