

**TENTATIVE  
AGENDA\***

**2014 SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS, ELECTIONS AND LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT**

December 12, 2014

**Friday, December 12**  
**Morning Session**  
Room 112-N—Statehouse

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 9:10 a.m. Information on Kansas Cities' Governing Body Terms and Cycles
- Mike Koss, League of Kansas Municipalities
- 9:30 a.m. Ballot on Demand Demonstration
- Angie Urosevich, ES&S
- 10:30 a.m. Election Issues and Costs: Perspectives from Elections Officials in Small, Medium, and Large Kansas Counties
- Jamie Shew, Douglas County Clerk
  - Brian Newby, Johnson County Election Commissioner
  - Sarah Rains, Hodgeman County Clerk
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch

**Afternoon Session**

**Combining Elections (cont.)**

- 1:30 p.m. Election Timing and Its Effect on Voter Turnout
- Sarah F. Anzia, University of California at Berkeley, Goldman School of Public Policy, Assistant Professor of Public Policy; Author of *Timing and Turnout*, The University of Chicago Press
- 3:00 p.m. Committee Discussion
- Adjourn

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## **CHARGE**

### ***Review Issues Pertaining to Abandoned Properties***

The study will include the following:

- Review current statutes related to abandoned property;
- Review economic and potential public safety issues for local communities; and
- Review potential impact on state and local government revenues.

### ***Study Moving Elections to Fall and Consider 2014 SB 436 Concerning Consolidation of Law Enforcement Agencies***

- Study the subject of moving spring elections to the fall in order to increase voter turnout for local elections; and
- Review 2014 SB 436 which addresses statutes that authorize Riley County to consolidate its law enforcement agencies and establish a Law Enforcement Director. (Other counties have not followed the example. Currently, representatives from Riley County are seeking a hearing on the possible repeal of the statutes.)