

February 14, 2014

The Honorable Dennis Pyle, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 234-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pyle:

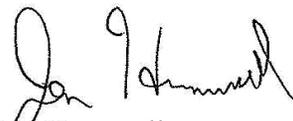
SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 347 by Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 347 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 347 would change the procedure for detaching part of the territory of a fire district which has territory in more than one county. The bill would require written documentation that the detached territory would be included in another fire district or plans to form a new fire district. The governing body of the existing fire district could, within 30 days of receiving that documentation and a petition for detachment, enter an order which would be effective on the subsequent January 1 that is six or more months after the order. The bill would also provide a procedure to be followed by the board of county commissioners of each county that was part of the fire district if the governing body of the existing district did not approve the detachment within 30 days. Within 90 days of detachment, the governing body of the fire district must determine all outstanding indebtedness, and the bill specifies how payment of that indebtedness must be handled by the detached territory and the territory that remains in the original fire district.

Because the League of Kansas Municipalities does not know how many cities are part of a fire district that is subject to the terms of SB 347, and how many of those cities would seek to be detached from a fire district, it is unable to estimate what the fiscal effect of passage of the bill might be. According to the Kansas Association of Counties, passage of the bill would create slight cost savings for on local governments, since the outstanding indebtedness of the detached territories could be more accurately determined.

Sincerely,



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