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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2044

As Amended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2044 amends the county fire district law to allow a board of county commissioners to enter into an interlocal agreement with cities and townships within a fire district. Based on this agreement, the county commissioners could delegate the authority to appoint the members of the fire district board of trustees to a joint board appointed by the cities and townships within the fire district. The fire district board of trustees appointed by the joint board would be given all of the powers provided to the board of county commissioners under current law regarding fire protection. HB 2044 also provides that the interlocal agreement established between the board of county commissioners and the cities and townships within a fire district would be subject to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

The House Committee amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

The bill was supported by Representatives Wilk and Ruff, the City of Lansing, Delaware and High Prairie townships, and Leavenworth County. Proponents said the bill would provide a needed clarification of the law.

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.

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