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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2600

As Amended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

HB 2600 would allow a board of county commissioner to establish an alternative method for disposing of county property. Alternative procedures at a minimum shall provide for:

- ! notification of the public of the property to be sold;
- ! describing the property to be sold; and
- ! the method of sale, including but not limited to, fixed price, negotiated bid, sealed bid, public auction or auction or any other method of sale which allows public participation.

Any methodology for the disposal of property established may contain different procedures for real property and personal property.

HB 2600 as it passed the House would have repealed the statute now amended governing the sale of property owned by counties. The Senate Committee retains the current law but gives counties the ability to establish their own sale procedures.

Background

The bill was supported by the Sedgwick, Johnson, and Shawnee County Commissions, the Kansas Association of Counties, and the Shawnee County Counselor's Office. Proponents said that no comparable statute governs the sale of property owned by cities, and counties should be given the same level of control over their local

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affairs.

The statute requires different procedures a county must follow, generally depending upon the value of the property. A listing of property in excess of \$50 sold must be published at the end of the year; a unanimous vote is required for sale of property valued over \$1,000; and public bids are required for property valued over \$50,000.

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.