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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 58

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Assessment and Taxation

Brief*

SB 58 would amend a local sales tax statute to ratify the results of a November, 2004, election in Sedgwick County relative to the imposition of a 1 percent sales tax earmarked for constructing and equipping a new regional events center; design of and improvements to the Kansas Coliseum Complex; and various operation, maintenance, site-acquisition, and infrastructure costs associated with such facilities. The tax would be implemented on July 1, 2005 and would sunset on or before December 31, 2007.

Background

Sedgwick County voters in November approved a ballot question seeking to impose the additional tax by a margin of 52-48 percent.

Proponents, who included the mayor, a county commissioner, the Wichita Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission, said that the additional tax, which would raise approximately \$180 million, would provide economic development benefits for the county by financing the downtown arena and other related improvements.

A fiscal note indicated that the bill would have to be signed into law by the Governor by May 1 in order for the Department of Revenue to have the necessary 60 days required by KSA 12-191 to notify retailers prior to the July 1 imposition.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>