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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2093

As Amended by House Committee on
Governmental Organization and Elections

Brief*

HB 2093 would amend a statute dealing with county boundaries to simplify procedures for county consolidations or boundary changes. The bill would allow a petition by 5 percent of the qualified electors of each county to be affected by the boundary change to be presented to the boards of county commissioners. The boards of county commissioners would then adopt a resolution making the changes as proposed in the petitions. The county resolutions effecting the boundary change would have to be submitted to the electors of each county involved for approval.

At least three public hearings must be held and at least one public hearing must be held in each county affected by the proposed change and notice must be published in newspapers of general circulation at least three times prior to the date of each hearing.

The House Committee deleted a provision which would have allowed the boards of county commissioners to initiate a change in boundaries of counties to submit the issue to the electorate.

Background

The bill was supported by the Kansas Advisory Council on Intergovernmental Relations, a statutorily created group charged with the study of intergovernmental issues. The bill was also supported by the League of Kansas Municipalities. The Kansas Association of Counties was neutral on the bill.

*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>

The bill has no fiscal impact on the state.

Current law requires petitions signed by over 50 percent of the electors of each county before a change in county boundaries may be made.