

SESSION OF 2006

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 580**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Federal and State Affairs

**Brief\***

SB 580 would repeal existing statutes that were adopted last year, dealing specifically with the consolidation of the City of Topeka and Shawnee County. The bill would repeal statutes that are no longer in force or applicable because the consolidation plan failed.

**Background**

In 2005, the Kansas Legislature approved HB 2083 which created a consolidation commission charged with drafting a consolidation plan for the City of Topeka and Shawnee County, with the approval of the voters. A consolidation plan was proposed and was rejected by a majority of the voters. In addition to repealing statutes that are no longer in force or applicable because the consolidation plan failed, the bill would repeal a statute that may have the unintended consequence of requiring municipal elections in Topeka to be partisan elections.

The proponent of the bill is a representative of the City of Topeka. The City Attorney for the City of Topeka was available to answer questions at the Committee hearing on the bill.

There were no opponents of the bill who testified at the Committee hearing.

The fiscal note from the Division of Budget states that this bill would have no fiscal effect.

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\*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>