

## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Huebert at 1:30pm on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative John Alcala – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Maureen Stinson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Roger Basinger, Department of Administration; Melissa Wangemann, Kansas Association of Counties; Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Representative Tom Phillips, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order. Chair Huebert is excused from today's meeting due to an illness.

*Representative Esau made a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings held on March 12th and March 17th. Representative Houser seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

### **Hearing on: SB244 — Municipal budgets; notifications.**

Chair Phillips opened the hearing on the bill.

Daniel Yoza, Assistant Revisor, presented a brief overview of the bill.

Roger Basinger, Municipal Services Team, Department of Administration, appeared as a proponent of the bill. He explained that the proposed legislation is intended to reduce the publication requirements of multi-county taxing units to one newspaper within the municipality when coupled with additional publication via the official website of each county having territory in the municipality. He testified that the bill would also make consistent throughout the budget law the determination of newspaper for publication and establishes the time frame (within 30 days of budget adoption) in which the Notice of Vote needs to be published. Mr. Basinger presented amendments seeking to return the bill to its original intent. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Melissa Wangemann, General Counsel, Kansas Association of Counties, appeared as an opponent of the bill. She testified that they were comfortable with the original bill as introduced by the Kansas Department of Administration but that the Senate amendments created a complicated system of publication. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

## CONTINUATION SHEET

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Larry Baer, Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, presented neutral testimony on the bill. He explained that the changes made by the Senate have caused them to shift from supporting the bill to being neutral. He presented amendments seeking to return the bill to its original intent. ([Attachment 3](#))

Chair Phillips closed the hearing on the bill.

### **Final action on: SB247 — Municipal audits.**

Chair Phillips called for Final Action on the bill. A balloon amendment requested by Rep. Huebert was distributed. ([Attachment 4](#))

Following discussion of the balloon amendment, there was no motion made to adopt the balloon amendment.

*Representative Campbell made a motion to pass the bill out favorably. Representative Francis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

### **Final action on: SB244 — Municipal budgets; notifications.**

Chair Phillips called for Final Action on the bill noting that the bill had been heard in committee that day.

The committee did not take action to report the bill out of committee on the same day that the hearing was held because there was no approval of such action by a two-thirds vote.

Chair Phillips adjourned the meeting.