




Kansas County Appraiser's Association

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To: Representative Marvin Kleeb – Chairman – Kansas House Taxation Committee
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Subject: 2015 Legislation – HB 2071

First, the KCAA would like to express their support of House Bill No. 2071 §1 K.S.A. 19-432 amended to read as follows:

“(d) The director of property valuation may remove from the list of persons eligible to be appointed to the office of appraiser any person for any of the following acts or omissions:

- (1) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications established by this section;
- (2) a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or conviction of: (A) Forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud or any other similar offense; (B) a crime involving moral turpitude; or (C) any felony charge;”

The County Appraisers also support §2 K.S.A. 79-1460a amended to read as follows:

“79-1460a Annually, ~~at least five business days~~ prior to the mailing of change of valuation notices pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1460, and amendments thereto, the county or district appraiser shall cause to be published in the official county newspaper or **on the official county website** the results of the market study analysis as prescribed by the director of the division of property valuation of the department of revenue.”

The proposed change is to have the publication available on the website in lieu of the paper legal notice section to publish the market study. With most papers, they are thrown away with the publication in the paper days before the actual notice is mailed. However, many counties can and do publish the market study required by this statute and are available for many weeks. The length of time the market study is published are dependent on each county's website publication policy.

We believe this is a cost savings for the county and the citizens are better served. As we move to the electronic age, every county is looking at possible ways for county departments to save money. We believe this is one of those opportunities and the public is better served.

We estimate publication cost would range from \$50 to \$90 per county, and with 105 counties, the cost savings for the counties would be \$5,250 to \$9,450 annually. Even though it does not appear to be much, every dollar saved counts.