

MINUTES OF THE SENATE ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Les Donovan at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 17, 2016, 548-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:
Senator Jeff Melcher – Excused

Committee staff present:
Gordon Self, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Chris Courtwright, Legislative Research Department
Edward Penner, Legislative Research Department
Adam Siebers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
Judy Seitz, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant
Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:
Luke Bell, General Counsel/VP Governmental Affairs, Kansas Association of Realtors (KAR)

Others in attendance:
[See Attached List](#)

Possible bill introductions
There were no bill introductions.

Discussion & possible action on: SB316 — Property tax lid; effective date; exemptions.
Chairperson Donovan opened discussion on **SB316**.

Staff reviewed **SB316** saying that this bill would mend the tax lid that was passed last year.

*Senator Tyson moved adoption of the proposed amendment to **SB316**. Senator Powell seconded the motion. ([Attachment 1](#))*

Chairperson Donovan called on Luke Bell to explain the proposed amendment to **SB316**.

Mr. Bell said as of now cities and counties do not support this amendment but it represents the result of negotiations which will push the bill further along in the process and allows negotiations to continue.

The first change makes the property tax vote requirement effective as of July 1, 2016. In the current law the date is effective on January 1, 2018; therefore this amendment would change the effective date to January 1, 2017.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES of the Committee on Assessment and Taxation at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 17, 2016 in Room 548-S of the Capitol.

Another part of the proposed amendment includes pushing the deadline back on when the city or county submit their completed budget to the county clerk from August 25 in current law to October 1.

Mr. Bell said the amendment would move the deadline up on when the county appraisers have to submit final valuation information to taxing jurisdictions. Under current law that deadline is July 1 and moves up to June 15 which gives cities and counties an additional two weeks for the budget using that information. This amendment retains the option of doing a regularly held election in August or November on a proposed property tax increase that exceeds the cap or a special in-person election or a mail-in election.

Mr. Bell said the amendment removes three existing exemptions and tweaks three existing exemptions.

Mr. Bell stood for questions.

The motion to adopt the amendment passed.

*Senator Powell made a motion to adopt an amendment to **SB316**. Senator Lynn seconded the motion. (Attachment 2) There was discussion on the proposed amendment. The motion to adopt the amendment passed.*

*Senator Tyson made a motion to remove the contents of **HB2088** and insert the contents of the amended **SB316**. Senator Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed.*

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.