

Veto Message from the Governor
HB 2212

HB 2212 creates a set of standards for annexation in Shawnee County while not enforcing those same standards on all counties in Kansas. Similar legislation was passed in 1987, and as a member of the House of Representatives, I did not support that legislation. I believe that all cities and counties in the State of Kansas should follow the same rules, especially when it comes to issues of annexation. For this reason, I veto **HB 2212**.

Due to the fact that **HB 2212** would only be applicable to one county, it is likely to be found unconstitutional. I believe a challenge should be considered for the law passed in 1987.

SIGNED April 18, 2003

Kathleen Sebelius
Governor