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Date

MINUTES OF THE Senate COMMITTEE ON Governmental Organization

The meeting was called to order by Senator Vidricksen at  
Chairperson

10:17 a.m./~~pm~~ on April 6, 1983 in room 531N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Roitz                      Senator Gaar  
Senator Gaines                    Senator Johnston  
Senator Mulich  
Committee staff present:

Norm Furse - Revisor  
Julian Efird - Legislative Research

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Ernie Mosher - League of Municipalities

Mr. Mosher addressed the committee on behalf of HB 2451 as an attempt to provide accurate population information to county treasurers for the distribution of countywide retailers' sales tax collections. (Exhibit A)

Inasmuch as there was not a quorum present no action could be taken so the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.



Statement on HB 2451--Population Data for Countywide Sales Taxes  
To Senate Committee on Governmental Organization  
By E.A. Mosher, Executive Director, League of Kansas Municipalities  
April 5, 1983

The League supports HB 2451 as an attempt to provide accurate population information to county treasurers for the distribution of countywide retailers' sales tax collections. Under K.S.A. 12-192, one-half the revenue from a countywide sales tax is distributed based on population; the county general fund receives an amount based on the population outside cities; each city receives an amount based on its percentage share of the total county population.

The population information now certified by the division of the budget to the secretary of state does not provide consistent data for this purpose. For example, the report certified as of July 1, 1982 contained the Bureau of the Census July 1, 1981 provisional estimates for countywide figures, but contained the 1980 federal census figures (corrected) for cities--estimates for cities are not available. The division reports only countywide figures and city figures--not unincorporated areas. As a result, we have totals which exceed the sum of their parts if there is countywide growth, or parts exceeding the reported total if there is a countywide decrease.

For example, Scott County (which has a countywide sales tax) has a reported population of 5,782 in 1980 and 5,877 in 1982, an increase of 95. The population of Scott City (the only city) remained the same, at 4,154, in both reports. Further, the available information as to population of the unincorporated areas remained the same, since the countywide figures have not been broken down since 1980 for cities and townships. Where is the money for the 95 people assigned?

This problem has resulted from the failure of the Bureau of the Census to provide updated census information for both cities and counties, as planned when we switched from the annual county enumeration. It is reported that budget cut-backs may prevent the Bureau from preparing such estimates in the future.

The bill would make certain that the population used by county treasurers is the most recent available for which a consistent date base is available. In other words, if updated city and county information is available in 1983 or later years, it will be used.

The reference to K.S.A. 11-203 in the first section of the bill has been stricken since this statute, by its terms, expired on July 1, 1982.

The other stricken line in Section 1 removes now obsolete material.

Ex. A