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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 446

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

SB 446 amends a law dealing with county purchasing officers in Johnson and Sedgwick counties to delete a requirement that judges of the district court in those counties are required to make requisition of all purchases of supplies and equipment through the county purchasing officer.

Background

The bill was requested by the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators. District courts in Johnson and Sedgwick counties are the only courts that must follow this procedure which was enacted prior to court unification in 1977. KSA 20-349, which applies to all counties, provides that after the amount of the district court budget is approved by the board of county commissioners, all expenditures, other than for job positions, shall be under the control and supervision of the Chief Judge. The board is required to approve all claims submitted by the Chief Judge within budget limits.

A proponent from the Office of Judicial Administration said the special county purchasing statute for Sedgwick and Johnson counties was overlooked after court unification and is out of step with KSA 20-349 and with county home rule which limits a county's power to affect the courts.

The bill has no fiscal impact.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.accesskansas.org/legislature/>