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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 470

As Amended by House Committee on
Financial Institutions

Brief*

SB 470, as amended, concerns employees of the Office of the State Bank Commissioner (OSBC). Upon the effective date of the act, the Bank Commissioner is authorized to appoint regional managers and financial examiner administrators to serve in the unclassified service under the Kansas Civil Service Act. The bill does not affect the current classified status of persons employed in OSBC. Persons newly appointed as regional managers and financial examiner administrators in the unclassified service would have special training and qualifications for those positions, serve at the pleasure of the Commissioner, and receive a salary fixed by the Commissioner with the approval of the Governor.

The House Committee amendment makes the bill subject to provisions of appropriation acts.

Background

SB 470 was recommended by the Bank Commissioner who explained that, over the last year and one-half, OSBC has worked with the Division of Personnel Services to complete a comprehensive classification study of its employees. The study has resulted in several changes of salary ranges, including consolidation at one level of supervisors and those they supervise. Creation of unclassified positions for regional managers will allow the Commissioner to separate the levels, which cannot be done within the classified service, and provide a career ladder and financial incentive for persons to accept the supervisory positions. Further, within the central office, financial

*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/>

examiner administrators will serve in the unclassified service as these persons supervise the unclassified regional managers. Unclassified appointments will only be made when a classified position is open and available to convert to an unclassified position.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget indicates that passage of the bill will have a negligible fiscal effect. Additionally, no State General Fund expenditures are affected as the agency's budget is supported entirely through its fee funds.