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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 292

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 292 amends fire district laws to permit fire districts to pay for the acquisition, installation, and maintenance of fire hydrants and similar devices for fighting fires. The acquisition, installation, or maintenance of any fire hydrant, or other similar device for fighting fires, shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the governing body of the fire district and the governing body of the entity which owns, operates, or maintains the water line on which the fire hydrant, or other similar device for fighting fires, is to be installed.

The Senate Committee amendments were clarifying in nature.

The House Committee of the Whole amended the bill to provide that the chief of any organized fire department may designate other qualified person to conduct investigations of fires or explosions.

The House Committee of the Whole also added provisions of HB 2023 regarding restrictive covenants. The amendment provides that any provision of a restrictive covenant which requires the use of wood shingles or wood shakes as a roof covering material for any residential dwelling is hereby declared to be against public policy and shall be void and unenforceable unless the covenant also allows for the use of composition asphalt or wood shingles or other alternative material which is comparable in appearance to the existing roof covering material, flame resistant or retardant, and meets or exceeds any fire prevention standards established by any municipal building code.

*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.kslegislature.org>

Background

The bill was supported by a representative of Coffey County Fire District No. 1, who also represented the Kansas State Association of Fire Chiefs; the Kansas Fire Services Alliance; Senators Barnett and Schmidt; and Representative Mast. A representative of the Kansas Rural Water Association also testified. The bill is similar to HB 2528.

The bill has no fiscal effect on the state.