

SESSION OF 2004

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2712**

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

**Brief\***

HB 2712 amends a statute dealing with county fire districts and the levy of taxes by the board of county commissioners within these fire districts. The bill also amends a statute dealing with the acquisition of land by townships.

The bill expands the ability of county fire districts to contract for fire services with other fire districts or townships or a private entity and have the board of county commissioners levy a tax for this purpose.

The bill deletes a three-acre limit on the amount of land a township can acquire if voters approve and issue general obligation bonds to pay the cost and increases from two to 10 acres the amount of land a township may purchase where no election is required and the land is paid for out of the general fund or the general road fund. The storage limit that the land be used for is also deleted.

The Senate Committee added the 10-acre provision.

The Senate Committee of the Whole added provisions of SB 41 dealing with construction of school building and building code requirements.

The bill updates the codes for the construction, plumbing and wiring of school buildings.

School buildings would have to comply with the 2000 edition of the international building code, and the 2000 edition of the uniform mechanical code or the 2000 edition of the international mechanical code. Electrical wiring would have to comply with the 1999 issue of the national electric code of the national fire protection association.

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\*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>

Minimum plumbing requirements would have to comply with the 2000 edition of the uniform plumbing code or the 2000 edition of the international plumbing code. The construction of mobile, modular, portable or relocatable school, buildings would have to comply with 2000 edition of the life safety code as published by the national fire protection association. The construction of these buildings also would have to comply with the same plumbing standards for school buildings.

The municipal university and postsecondary education institutions would be added to the list of exemptions for compliance to provisions for making buildings accessible by persons with disabilities. The buildings also would be exempt from contracts for construction of school buildings that require the seal of an architect or a professional engineer and the requirement that the contract be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. In addition, prior to construction of the buildings, a code footprint for evaluation and approval of the fire/life safety features of the building would have to be submitted to the Fire Marshal.

The construction or reconstruction of any school building which were required to comply to building, wiring, and plumbing standards prior to January 1, 2006, would remain in effect to coincide with the date in which the contract was entered until 2006.

## **Background**

The bill was supported by Johnson County Fire District No. 2. Current law restricts the ability of fire districts to contract for services to cities.

The bill has no fiscal impact.