

SESSION OF 2004

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2773

As Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2773 would provide for the disorganization or consolidation of townships that have no residents or so few residents that a township officer post goes unfilled through two consecutive township elections. This bill would give the board of county commissioners authority over the township until it is disorganized or consolidated with the next geographically close township. At that time, all of the assets of the township would be transferred to the board of county commissioners for disposal. Any indebtedness of the township would be paid from the proceeds of disposal of the assets.

The House Committee of the Whole amendment would amend the city annexation law to provide for the appointment of a three-member local boundary commission or review board to decide whether platted land adjoining a city should be annexed. The boundary commission would be triggered by a petition signed by 40 percent of the landowners in the area proposed to be annexed.

Background

The bill was supported by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and a representative of Monticello Township in Johnson County. A proponent said current state law provides that a township may be disorganized under appropriate circumstances and its property transferred to the next contiguous township. Monticello Township, however, has been annexed out of existence without any township being contiguous to its remaining properties and there are no residents of the township.

*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>