

SESSION OF 2010

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 494**

As Amended by Senate Committee on  
Judiciary

**Brief\***

SB 494, as amended, would amend current law to clarify when there is no sheriff or undersheriff, the county clerk will assume the duties and powers of the office of sheriff until a sheriff is elected or qualified. The bill also would clarify that when the sheriff is in jail, the county clerk would be the keeper of the jail.

**Background**

The proponents of the bill, as introduced, who provided testimony in the Senate Committee hearing were the Sheriff of Douglas County, the Bourbon County Clerk, and a representative of the Kansas County Clerks' and Election Officials' Association.

There was no testimony in opposition to the bill in the Senate Committee hearing.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to delete surplus language and make the language gender neutral.

The fiscal note on the bill, as introduced, states passage of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

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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>