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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 5, 2025

Subject: SB 2 – Validating the election results for the bond issuance question submitted by the board of education of USD 200, Greeley county, at a special election held on May 21, 2024.

Senate Bill No. 2 (SB 2) creates a new law to validate the bond election held by U.S.D. No. 200, Greeley County, in May of 2024. Although the election to approve the bond issuance by the school district was duly called and held accordingly to statute, the Greeley County clerk’s office does not have a website and could not publish notice of the election on such website as required by K.S.A. 10-120. The question on issuing the bonds passed by the election held on May 21, 2024. SB 2 would validate the results of that election and authorize the school district to proceed with the bond issuance as approved by the school district electorate.

The Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics amended SB 2 to also amend K.S.A. 10-120. The amendment would only require publication of notice of the election on the county clerk’s website if there is a website. If no website exists, then publication in a newspaper of general circulation would be sufficient for compliance with the notice requirement.

SB 2 passed the Senate and on a final vote of 39-1.

If enacted, SB 2 would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register.