

February 20, 2026

The Honorable Emil Bergquist, Chairperson
House Committee on Local Government
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 281-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Bergquist:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2711 by House Committee on Elections

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2711 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

HB 2711 would amend procedures for dissolution of a city of the third class. Currently, upon the filing of a petition of the majority of voters of a city of the third class, the city council must within ten days of the filing, order an election to determine whether the city will remain a city. Current law describes how the election would be conducted as well as the form of the ballot to be used in the election. The ballots would be counted by the city council three days after the election. For any unpaid debts of the city, the township trustee would provide for a levy on property within the limits of the city sufficient to pay the debt in the same manner as taxes are currently levied for township purposes.

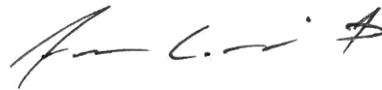
HB 2711 would require the city council to place on the next primary or general election ballot, at least 60 days after the petition filing, the question of whether the city would remain a city. Under the bill, the ballots would not be counted by the city council, but instead county canvass would certify the election results. In addition, the taxes levied to pay unpaid debts of the city would no longer be paid according to the same manner taxes are currently levied for township purposes.

The Secretary of the State and the Kansas Development Finance Authority both state HB 2711 would not have a fiscal effect. The Kansas Department of Revenue indicates HB 2711 could have a minimal administrative impact on sales tax if a city dissolves. If a city does dissolve, which is rare, the sales tax administrative impact would be handled within existing resources. The Department also adds that the bill could have an unknown impact on local property tax collections.

Any fiscal effect associated with HB 2711 is not reflected in *The FY 2027 Governor's Budget Report*.

The Kansas Association of Counties indicates counties could incur additional costs for elections as well as forming a newly unincorporated area. The Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates there would be costs associated with administration, transition, and service transfer costs associated with dissolving a city under HB 2711. The League is unable to estimate a fiscal effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam C. Proffitt", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam C. Proffitt
Director of the Budget

cc: Jennifer Cook, Office of the Secretary of State
Bruce Chladny, Kansas Association of Counties
Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue
Bonnie Hawkins, Kansas Development Finance Authority