

SESSION OF 2025

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2125**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on
Assessment and Taxation

Brief*

Senate Sub. for HB 2125 would make various changes to requirements related to the filing of municipal budget information with a county clerk and mailing of certain documents associated with property tax.

The bill would make October 1 the deadline for taxing entities to annually certify to the county clerk the amount of property tax to be levied. [Note: Under current law, the deadline is October 1 for taxing entities exceeding the revenue neutral rate and August 25 otherwise.]

The bill would require county clerks to use the previous year's budget information and amount of property tax to be levied for any taxing entity that does not file its budget information by 5:00 p.m. on October 1.

The bill would accelerate from December 15 to December 1 the date by which county treasurers are required to mail property tax statements and tax information forms.

The bill would extend, through calendar year 2026, state reimbursement of printing and postage costs incurred when county clerks are required to mail notices of proposed tax increases beyond the revenue neutral rate. The bill would also extend the corresponding transfer from the State General Fund to the Taxpayer Notification Costs Fund to reimburse such costs.

*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

The bill would also make changes to the form required to be used for such notices. The form would be required to:

- Include a column indicating the rate utilized in the calculation of:
 - The tax for the preceding year;
 - The tax for the current year based on the revenue neutral rate; and
 - The amount of tax proposed for the current year; and
- Refer to amounts of tax to be levied by a taxing subdivision in the current year as “Proposed Tax” rather than “Maximum Tax” as in current law.

Background

The Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation recommended a substitute bill and replaced the original contents of HB 2125 with the provisions of SB 73 with further amendments, including:

- Removing a provision to advance the deadline from November 15 to November 1 for county clerks to submit levy amounts to the Director of Property Valuation;
- Setting the deadline for all taxing entities to submit their budgets to October 1;
- Adding provisions related to requirements for forms; and
- Extending state reimbursement of printing and postage costs for tax increase notices.

[*Note:* HB 2125, as recommended by the House Committee on Taxation, would have provided countywide retailers’ sales tax authority for Pawnee County for the

purpose of health care services and furnishing and equipping county-supported public safety operations.]

SB 73

SB 73 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation at the request of Senator Blew.

Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

In the Senate Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Senator Blew, who stated the bill would provide additional incentive for taxing jurisdictions to certify their budgets in a timely manner and provide more time for taxpayers to be able to budget for property taxes and prepare for an appeal.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials.

Neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Counties, who stated that changes to deadlines in the budget process could have unforeseen negative effects on taxpayers and local governments and should only be considered after a more thorough review with more opportunity for stakeholders to provide input.

Written-only neutral testimony was provided by a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Sedgwick County Clerk.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

A fiscal note on the substitute bill was not immediately available.

SB 73

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on SB 73, as introduced, the Department of Revenue indicates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on its operations. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates the bill would have an unknown fiscal effect on counties. The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities.

Taxation; property tax; notification; budget filing