

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2622

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2622 would amend the requirements for filing a protest petition to require an election on the question of whether a municipality shall enter into a lease-purchase agreement.

[*Note:* Under current law, if a county, school district, or community college proposes to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of real property that is to run for more than one fiscal year or will have annual payments that exceed \$100,000, the municipality is required to adopt and publish a resolution on the agreement. If at least 5 percent of the voters of the municipality who voted for secretary of state in the last general election sign a protest petition, then the question about whether the municipality shall enter into the agreement will be put on the ballot.]

The bill would amend the protest petition requirement by changing the required percentage from 5 percent of the voters of the municipality who voted for secretary of state at the last general election to 3 percent of the registered voters of the municipality.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Elections at the request of Representative Bergquist.

*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/>

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by an attorney of the Office of the Kansas Secretary of State explaining that precincts voting for the Office of the Secretary of State can extend beyond municipality boundaries making it difficult to get a specific count of the number of individuals who voted in the last general election for the Office of the Secretary of State required for a protest petition. The bill allowing 3 percent of the registered voters of a municipality would be counted more precisely providing the correct number of voters needed to sign a protest petition.

No other testimony was provided.

The Committee recommended the bill be placed upon the consent calendar.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, the Secretary of State indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. The Kansas Association of Counties (Association) states the lower threshold for the number of signatures could increase elections and associated costs for those elections to approve an agreement. Review of the petitions would also require staff time regardless of whether there is a subsequent election. The Association is unable to estimate the fiscal effect. The Kansas League of Municipalities indicates the bill would have a negligible effect on cities.

Protest petition; local government; lease-purchase agreement; real property