

**Testimony before the Kansas Senate Standing Committee
on Local Government
on HB 2675
Chairman Roger Reitz
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Mr. Chairman: It is a privilege and an honor to address the Committee on Local Government regarding HB 2675. HB 2675 is the result of Governor Brownback's initiative to repeal outmoded, unreasonable, duplicative, onerous or unduly burdensome statutes and regulations.

K.S.A. 79-408 states:

The county clerk shall complete all real-estate assessment rolls that may be required for the assessment districts of the county. Such assessment rolls shall contain a correct and pertinent description of each piece, parcel or lot of real property in numerical order as to lots and blocks, sections or subdivisions, in the respective townships or cities, as the case may be. In making up such assessment rolls, the county clerk shall consult the real estate transfer record in the office of the clerk, the records and plats in the office of the register of deeds, reports from United States land offices, and may require the owner or occupant of a particular property to furnish a proper description thereof. In making such rolls the county clerk shall deduct the acreage of all lands used for railway right-of-way or interurban railway right-of-way.

After the county clerk has completed such rolls, the clerk shall deliver them to the county appraiser no later than December 15.

After hearing testimony on this bill, the House Committee on Government Efficiency amended the bill to clarify certain areas of the statute and eliminate other areas. This amendment was proposed by the Kansas County Clerks and Election Officers Association (KCCEOA) and accepted by the Secretary of Administration. The original bill would have repealed the entire statute.

The Office of the Repealer urges favorable consideration of HB 2675.

I will stand for any questions that the committee has for me regarding HB 2675.