

Approved: February 20, 2012
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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on February 14, 2012, in Room 159 S of the Capitol.

All members were present

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees:

Senator Chris Steineger
Marilyn Nichols, Kansas Register of Deeds Association
Joe Grisolano, Kansas County Officials Association
Eileen King, Kansas County Treasurers Association
Linda Buttron, Jefferson County Clerk (written only)

Other attending:

See attached list:

Chairman Reitz reopened discussion on **SB 329--Historic properties; projects within environs; city opt out of state historic preservation officer review**. Mike Heim suggested that a submit substitute bill be drafted which would delete the language regarding environs. There were questions and discussion. *Senator Kultala moved to reconsider **SB 329**. The motion was seconded by Senator Huntington. The motion passed.* The bill may be reconsidered at a later date.

The hearing was opened on **SB 385--County commissioners; authority to determine duties of county clerks, treasurers and register of deeds**. Mike Heim explained the bill. The bill would allow the board of county commissioners to establish, through passage of a resolution, the duties of the county clerk, the county treasurer, and the county register of deeds.

Senator Steineger, a proponent of **SB 385** (attachment 1), explained this would streamline state and local government in Kansas. This bill would hand over more authority to the county and it would deregulate the state statutes, which would give more responsibility to county commissioners. Questions followed. Jill Shelley provided information on the duties for which the county commissioners could change the actor (attachment 2).

CONTINUATION SHEET

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Marilyn Nichols, Kansas Register of Deeds Association (attachment 3); Joe Grisolano, Kansas County Officials Association, (attachment 4); and Eileen King, Kansas County Treasurers Association, (attachment 5); all spoke in opposition to **SB 385**. Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by Linda Buttron, Jefferson County Clerk (attachment 6).

The hearing was closed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.