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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2412

As Amended by House Committee on Local
Government

Brief*

HB 2412 would dissolve any city in Kansas that received money from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the purpose of buyout or relocation during the calendar years of 2010 and 2011.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

Representative Doug Gatewood testified in support of the bill, along with a representative from the Kansas League of Municipalities.

The City of Treece, Kansas has been a victim of undermining and contamination by lead and zinc. As a result the citizens were offered an EPA buyout to relocate. All but one household took advantage of the buyout and relocation (the remaining owners do not wish to move). Cities can be dissolved by election under K.S.A. 15-111; however, no election has been held in the case of the City of Treece, and all other residents have left the city. No other Kansas city received EPA funds for buyout or relocation during the years 2010 and 2011.

The Committee amended the bill to specify the receipt of EPA money is limited to calendar years 2010 and 2011 to

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insure that future municipalities are not dissolved in perpetuity.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of Budget, this bill would have no fiscal impact.