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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2669

As Recommended by House Committee on
Government Efficiency

Brief*

HB 2669 would repeal statutes concerning the matron of a county jail. The statutes which would be repealed by this bill include:

- The authority of a Board of County Commissioners, on nomination and recommendation of the sheriff of a county, to appoint a matron of a county jail, to define the duties of the position, and to fix compensation (KSA 19-901);
- A matron's membership on the sheriff's force, with the same authority as delegated to a deputy sheriff, and subject to the rules and regulations of the Board of County Commissioners and to removal for cause (KSA 19-902);
- The provision of living quarters for matrons in the jail buildings is defined (KSA 19-903); and
- The duties of a matron of a county jail are defined (KSA 19-904).

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of the Governor's Office of the Repealer. A representative of the Department of Corrections testified in favor of the bill before the House

*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 <http://www.kslegislature.org>

Committee on Government Efficiency stating the statutes, which were enacted in 1913, are outdated and no longer reflect contemporary jail operations, civil service ordinances, state and federal employment law, or the role of female law enforcement officers. The representative further testified the Department of Corrections urged favorable consideration of the bill. No opposing or neutral testimony was presented to the House Committee.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget states the bill is of a technical nature; therefore, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.