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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 207

As Amended by House Committee on Local
Government

Brief*

Effective January 1, 2013, SB 207 would allow a county to accept a credit or debit card for any payment, including those for taxes and utility fees.

The bill would allow a county to add a fee to each transaction equal to the charge to the county for a payment made using the card. The bill also would require a county to provide notice of any such fee. The bill would exempt any such transaction from a provision in the Consumer Credit Code that prohibits a seller or lessor from adding a surcharge on a payment made by credit or debit card.

Background

The Riley County Counselor and a representative from the Kansas Association of Counties testified in support of the bill. Written proponent testimony was received from the Riley County Board of Commissioners.

The bill mirrors language for city acceptance of credit and debit cards in KSA 12-16,125.

The House Committee on Local Government amended the bill to delay its effective date to January 1, 2013.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the bill would have no effect on state revenues or

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expenditures. The note also states that, according to the Kansas Association of Counties, the bill would have no net effect on counties.