

SESSION OF 2012

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 301

As Amended by House Committee on
Commerce and Economic Development

Brief*

SB 301, as amended, would stagger the terms of membership for specific positions on the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions to allow more orderly replacements when terms expire. The new initial terms beginning July 1, 2012, would change as follows:

- One member licensed as both an engineer and as a land surveyor would serve a term of one year;
- One member from the general public would serve a term of one year;
- One member licensed as a geologist would serve a term of three years; and
- One member licensed as a land surveyor would serve a term of two years.

The terms of these members would expire on June 30 in the last year of the member's reduced term of office. Upon reappointment, or appointment of new members, persons in those positions would serve a term of not more than four years.

Members would be prohibited from serving more than four consecutive terms. The bill would be effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register* in order to allow for the changes prior to the June 30, 2012, expiration of a number of terms of office.

*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>

Background

Proponents of the original bill included representatives from the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions, and the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers. No opponents testified.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to define membership terms to be constitutional under Article 15, Section 2 of the *Kansas Constitution*, which states "the Legislature shall not create any office the tenure of of shall be longer than four years."

The House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development amended the bill to specify that the term of office for Board members would not be more than four years.

According to the fiscal note, the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions indicates passage of the original bill would have no fiscal effect.