

SESSION OF 2012

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 341**

As Recommended by Senate Committee on  
Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 341 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 calendar years 2010 and 2011.

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

**Background**

Senator Dwayne Umbarger, Representative Doug Gatewood, and a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities testified in support of the bill. There was no other testimony.

According to testimony, the bill would apply only to the City of Treece, on the Oklahoma state line in Cherokee County, which has been undermined and the land contaminated with 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. Cities can be dissolved by election under KSA 15-111; however, no election has been held in Treece, and all other residents have left the city.

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

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\*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>