

SESSION OF 2013

**CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT BRIEF
SENATE BILL NO. 96**

As Agreed to April 3, 2013

Brief*

SB 96 would allow a county with multiple vehicle registration facilities to charge a fee for each vehicle registration or renewal in an amount not to exceed \$5. A county with a single registration facility would be allowed to charge a fee for each vehicle registration or renewal in an amount not to exceed \$2.50. Current law allows only a county with multiple facilities to charge such a fee at each of its registration facilities except one (usually excluding the primary county treasurer location).

Conference Committee Action

The Conference Committee removed a House amendment and further amended the bill to add authority for a county with a single vehicle registration facility to charge a registration fee not to exceed \$2.50.

Background

The treasurers of Crawford County, Johnson County, and McPherson County testified as proponents at the hearing of the Senate Committee on Transportation. Written proponent testimony was received from the Director of Revenue/Treasury of the Unified Government of Wyandotte

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County; the treasurers of Douglas County, Ellis County, and Sedgwick County; and the president of the Kansas County Treasurers Association, who is the treasurer of Geary County. Proponents mentioned increased work loads and local control over whether such a fee would be imposed and its amount, up to \$5. They noted the fee would not apply to mail or web-based services. There was no neutral or opponent testimony at the Senate Committee hearing.

At the hearing of the House Committee on Transportation, the county treasurers of Crawford and Johnson counties testified as proponents. Written proponent testimony was received from the treasurers of Douglas, Ellis, McPherson, and Sedgwick counties; the Geary County treasurer on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurers Association; and the Director of Revenue/Treasury for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to allow any county to charge such a fee, a change requested by the Johnson County Treasurer.

The fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the original bill lists programming costs to the Department of Revenue of \$4,950 in FY 2014. Also, according to the note, the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) states the bill could result in a small revenue increase to the counties that have multiple vehicle registration facilities, but the KAC was unable to estimate the amount. Any fiscal effect is not reflected in *The FY 2014 Governor's Budget Report*.

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