

Detachment of Fire District Territory in Johnson County; HB 2419

HB 2419 amends statutes regarding detachment of fire district territory in Johnson County when a city annexes into that territory.

The existing requirement for the governing bodies of the city and fire district to negotiate an agreement providing for the transfer of land to the city, with final approval by the board of county commissioners, would remain. However, the bill eliminates both the time limit for reaching an agreement and the petition, publication, and hearing process for achieving resolution if the city and the fire district cannot reach agreement. In addition, the bill allows, rather than requires, that negotiations include the transfer of other fire district property (such as fire stations, trucks, reserve funds, and equipment) with compensation for such property.

The bill also deletes statutory provisions that exempt the City of Overland Park from fire district detachment procedures applicable to all other cities in Johnson County.