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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2047

As Amended by House Committee on Taxation

Brief*

HB 2047, as amended, would prohibit local taxing subdivisions, absent a majority vote and publication of such vote in official county newspapers, from approving annual budgets or other appropriations funded by increases in property taxes over the prior year.

A second provision of the bill would require municipalities, in response to increases in total tangible property valuation, to reduce the amount of tax levied to the prior year's level, except for taxes levied on: valuation added as a result of new construction; valuation added from property located within newly added jurisdictional territory; valuation added because property has changed in use; and valuation added from certain increased personal property. Also excluded from the computation would be: property taxes that had been previously approved by voters; taxes levied to pay principal and interest on bonds; and taxes collected pursuant to the 21.5 mills in state property tax levies. Municipalities subject to this provision generally would be defined to mean all political subdivisions levying property taxes, including counties, townships, municipal universities, school districts, community colleges, drainage districts, and other taxing units.

Background

Representative Steve Brunk appeared as the principal proponent to the bill at the House Committee hearing.

*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>

The House Taxation Committee amendment to the bill is technical.

A fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the original bill indicates the legislation would not be expected to have any fiscal impact for the State.