

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Huebert at 1:30pm on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, 281-N of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Representative Shannon Francis – Excused

Committee staff present:

Cindy Lash, Legislative Research Department

Martha Dorsey, Legislative Research Department

Maureen Stinson, Kansas Legislative Committee Assistant

Daniel Yoza, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Mike Heim, Office of Revisor of Statutes

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

Representative Tom Moxley; Michael L. Ryan, Junction City; Larry Baer, League of Kansas Municipalities; Gayla Shields, Kansas County Treasurer's Association

Others in attendance:

[See Attached List](#)

Chair Huebert called the meeting to order.

Hearing on: HB2197 — Cities; land banks; municipalities may defer or reamortize special assessments.

Chair Huebert opened the hearing on the bill.

Mike Heim, Senior Assistant Revisor, presented a brief overview of the bill.

Representative Tom Moxley appeared as a proponent of the bill. He testified that the proposed legislation would allow the Special Assessments to be re-amortized at the time of sale to any new owner of the lot. He explained that under current law whatever was originally scheduled for these specials would be payable up front with the purchase of a lot, making it much more difficult to merchandize the properties. [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

Michael L. Ryan, Mayor, Junction City, appeared as a proponent of the bill. He testified that the proposed legislation amends the Kansas Land Bank statute allowing a city Land Bank, which owns property with special assessments, to re-amortize the remaining special assessments that are due. He explained that the proposed legislation would only affect the city's time line for the collection of the future revenues assessed to a lot and does not change the city's annual debt payment as originally obligated. [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

Larry Baer, Legal Counsel, League of Kansas Municipalities, appeared as a proponent of the bill. He testified that the proposed legislation would permit the accrued specials to be deferred and re-amortized over an agreed upon term. He explained that this can result in more favorable terms to the new

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purchaser while replacing revenues that would otherwise be lost by the city. ([Attachment 3](#))

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by:

Joe L. Norton, Gilmore and Bell PC ([Attachment 4](#))

Jeff White, Columbia Capital Management, LLC ([Attachment 5](#))

Gayla Shields, Miami County Treasurer, presented neutral testimony on the bill on behalf of the Kansas County Treasurer's Association. She explained that there are laws and protocols in place that county offices adhere to for the assessment of property and the placement of special assessments upon property and the tax roll, in addition to making changes or abatements to tax rolls. She said that these protocols involve other county offices, not solely the county treasurer. She requested an amendment to the bill which strikes the word "treasurer" from lines 13, 24, and 33 so that the processes of correcting the tax rolls, as the language of the bill indicates, is not restrictive or differing from current processes within counties to accomplish the end result. ([Attachment 6](#))

Chair Huebert closed the hearing on the bill.

Final action on: HB2238 — Cowley county; official stone bridge capitol of the state of Kansas.

Rep. Whitmer made a motion to pass out favorably **HB 2238**. Rep. Campbell seconded the motion.

Rep. Peck made a substitute motion to amend the bill to change the spelling of the word "Capitol" to "Capital." Rep. Esau seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Peck made a motion to pass out favorably **HB 2238** as amended and to place the bill on the Consent Calendar. Rep. Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair Huebert directed Mike Heim to follow the normal procedure if placing the bill on the Consent Calendar was dis-allowed.

Final action on: HB2163 — Municipalities; contracts with other municipalities.

Rep. Campbell made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment. ([Attachment 7](#)) Rep. Whitmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Campbell made a motion to pass out favorably **HB 2163** as amended. Rep. Whitmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Final action on: HB2177 — Voluntary cleanup and property redevelopment act.

Rep. Carmichael made a motion to adopt the balloon amendment. ([Attachment 8](#)) Rep. Whitmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Rep. Whitmer made a motion to pass out favorably **HB 2177** as amended. Rep. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Chair Huebert adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 19, 2015.