



Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties
To the House Committee on Local Government
Neutral on HB 2642 (Vacating Streets)

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

K.S.A. 12-512b specifies the process for vacating plats after a subdivision is established. The current law sets notice requirements and the proceedings requirements. HB 2642 runs counter to the current law and seems to create a conflict with two different procedures. The new process in HB 2642 adds additional steps that over-regulate and confuse. HB 2642 also creates a different process for cities and counties, which adds additional confusion. The current law provides adequate notice and clarity, which should remain a priority for any future legislation. Since HB 2642 is largely a city matter, KAC maintains a neutral stance, but we have concerns over the policy change and the potential statutory conflict in the bill. If this committee intends to work HB 2642, we believe there are changes needed to reconcile the bill with current laws and policies.

Respectfully,
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