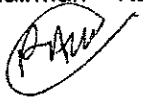




Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2015

To: Representative Marvin KleeB – Chairman – Kansas House Taxation Committee

From: Paul Welcome, County Appraiser 

Subject: 2015 Legislation – HB 2071

First, I would like to express my support of House Bill No. 2071 §1 K.S.A. 19-432 amended to read as follows:

“(d) The director of property valuation may remove from the list of persons eligible to be appointed to the office of appraiser any person for any of the following acts or omissions:

- (1) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications established by this section;
- (2) a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or conviction of: (A) Forgery, embezzlement, obtaining money under false pretenses, larceny, extortion, conspiracy to defraud or any other similar offense; (B) a crime involving moral turpitude; or (C) any felony charge;”

I also support §2 K.S.A. 79-1460a amended to read as follows:

“79-1460a Annually, at least five business days prior to the mailing of change of valuation notices pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1460, and amendments thereto, the county or district appraiser shall cause to be published in the official county newspaper or on the official county website the results of the market study analysis as prescribed by the director of the division of property valuation of the department of revenue.”

The proposed change is to incorporate an alternative to publishing the market study analysis in the newspaper for counties using the county website as a means to publish the market study analysis prior to the mailing of change of valuation notices.

In 2014, the cost to publish in the county newspapers for one day was \$76.56 in the legal publication section. The market study analysis posted on the website would be cost effective and efficient. The average publication over the years 2008 to 2014 is \$85.57.

The document would provide easy access to a broader audience. The market study analysis would remain on the official county website to be changed annually at the time of revaluation prior to the mailing of notices of value.