

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Dennis Pyle, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government
Statehouse, Room 234-E
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Pyle:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 244 by Senate Committee on Ways and Means

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 244 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 244 would provide corrections and clarifications to the Kansas Budget Law. When the governing body of a municipality votes to approve an appropriation or budget which may be funded by revenue from property taxes, current law requires that notice of the vote must be published in the official county newspaper of the county in which the municipality is located. SB 244 would require the notice of publication to be made within 30 days of adoption of the budget in a weekly or daily newspaper of the county that has a circulation within the county. If the municipality is located in more than one county, the publication must also be posted for at least ten days on the official website of the county with the greatest valuation of the municipality or on a website designated by the Secretary of Administration.

Prior to the filing of an adopted budget with the county clerk, current law requires the governing body of a municipality or taxing or political subdivision to give at least 10 days' notice in a daily or weekly newspaper that has a circulation within the municipality of the time and place of a meeting for considering amendments to the budget. If the municipality or taxing or political subdivision is located in more than one county, SB 244 would require that the publication must also be posted for at least ten days on the official website of the county with the greatest valuation of the municipality or on a website designated by the Secretary of Administration.

According to the Kansas Department of Administration, passage of SB 244 would ease the administrative burden and reduce the publication and cost requirements of municipalities that have assessed valuation in multiple counties. While the Department estimates the number of municipalities that would be affected by passage of this bill would be limited, it indicates that the savings to those municipalities would be significant.

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According to the League of Kansas Municipalities, passage of SB 244 would cause some savings to a limited number of Kansas cities, but the League is unable to estimate what that savings might amount to. Information regarding the fiscal effect of passage of SB 244 on Kansas counties was not available at the time this fiscal note was prepared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn Sullivan", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties