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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Senate Committee on Education  
From: Nick Myers, Assistant Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 1, 2017  
Subject: Senate Bill 75

Senate Bill 75 would authorize the addition of an additional board member from Sumner County to the Cowley County Community College Board of Trustees. SB 75 would not affect any other community colleges.

Section 1

**Subsection (a)**

This subsection defines certain terms that are used in the bill.

**Subsection (b)**

Subsection (b)(1) provides that the members of the Cowley County Board would be composed of those members normally elected in Cowley County plus the additional member from Sumner County. Elections of the board members from Cowley County would continue to operate as those elections currently do pursuant to state law.

Subsection (b)(2) through (9) provides for the election of the additional member from Sumner County. The election for the additional member would be an election at large in Sumner county and would follow the normal primary and general election schedule. All qualified electors in Sumner county would be authorized to vote. Like all other elections of trustees of community colleges, this additional member election would be nonpartisan.

**Subsection (c)**

This section provides that any elector of Sumner County could become a candidate for the additional member position by filing a declaration of intent with the requisite fee or upon filing a petition with the requisite number of signatures. June 1 is the filing deadline.

**Subsection (d)**

The first term of the first additional member would be two years. The subsequent terms would be four years.

**Subsection (e)**

Subsection (e) provides that the Cowley County Board would have the additional member on its board for so long as Sumner County provides financial support for the benefit of Cowley County Community College in the form of a countywide sales tax or property tax. If financial support from Sumner County is terminated or lapses, the additional member position would be eliminated from the Cowley County Board. If this occurs, the additional member would continue to serve on the Cowley County Board until the expiration of such member's term or until the member vacates the position and no election would be held in Sumner County to replace the additional member.

Section 2

This section amends K.S.A. 71-1403 to allow the Cowley County Board to potentially have eight members on its board. Current law only allows boards of trustees of community colleges to have six or seven members. The amendatory language provides that Cowley County Community College could have a board composed of either seven or eight members while operating with the additional board member.