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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2094

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2094 would expand the definition of “municipality” in KSA 12-2908, which allows contracts between municipalities, to include a school district, library district, road district, water district, drainage district, sewer district, or fire district. Currently, only a city, county, or township is included in the definition.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government (Committee). At the Committee hearing, representatives of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners (JCBC), Kansas Association of School Boards (KASB), and League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) testified in favor of the bill. The proponents stated expanding the definition of municipality would allow additional levels of government to work together, and would create more opportunities for cooperative efforts between local governmental entities, potentially leading to efficiencies.

Written-only proponent testimony was received from the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC).

No neutral or opponent testimony was provided.

Discussion among proponents and committee members indicated the bill had been considered in prior years. During

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the 2015 Legislative Session HB 2163 was introduced with contents similar to 2017 HB 2094. The House Committee on Local Government amended the bill to include water districts. The Senate Committee on Local Government amended the bill to remove all districts the bill would have added to the definition of municipality in KSA 12-2908 except school districts. The contents of 2015 HB 2163 were removed in Conference Committee, and the contents of 2016 SB 47 (regarding fire district audits) were inserted.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the KAC indicates Kansas counties may be able to raise revenues and reduce expenditures as a result of entering into contracts with other municipalities as defined by the bill. Additionally, the LKM states Kansas cities may be able to reduce costs if the bill is enacted because cities would be able to enter into more contracts with other municipalities. Finally, both organizations state the number of potential new contracts is unknown; therefore, the amount of cost savings also is unknown. Any fiscal effect associated with the enactment of the bill is not reflected in *The FY 2018 Governor's Budget Report*.