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**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 132**

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ethics,  
Elections and Local Government

**Brief\***

SB 132 would amend law regarding selection of members of the governing board of a regional system of cooperating libraries. The bill would eliminate the requirement that the Governor appoint one or more representatives to the governing board and instead require such representative(s) be appointed by the board of county commissioners of each county that is a part of the regional system. Likewise, the bill would eliminate gubernatorial involvement in selection and certification of governing board members added when another county joins the territory of a regional system and replace it with a requirement that such selection be made by the relevant board of county commissioners with the board of each participating library (as in current law), and that the selection be certified to the State Librarian by both such entities.

**Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government at the request of Senator Fitzgerald, who testified as a proponent of the bill. Written-only proponent testimony in favor of the bill was received from one regional system board member. Two regional system board members submitted neutral testimony. The testimony generally indicated the bill was offered in an effort to align the powers of the various echelons of government and streamline the process; other comments

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\*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org>

indicated no objection to making these changes. No opponent testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill at the request of Senator Fitzgerald to clarify its intent.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State Library of Kansas indicates enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.