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RE: Senate Bill 294 - Neutral Testimony

Chairman Caryn Tyson,

As County Clerk of Sedgwick County, I see a need to change the wording of this bill to clarify the task being asked of governing body of each taxing district. This bill uses the language “Certified Tax Rate” referring to what a governing body of each taxing district is being asked to calculate and provide. However, under Kansas Statute, only the County Clerk per K.S.A. 79-1803 calculates the “Certified Tax Rate” on or before November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

To keep this bill in line with the intent of the authors I suggest substituting the word “Certified” with “Estimated” so this task can be provided by the governing body of each taxing district.

The assessed valuation provided by the appraiser’s office June 1<sup>st</sup> is a working number and is not final until October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year after property tax appeals are held and finalized. Therefore a tax rate cannot be certified prior to October 31 as in the language used in this bill.

I have attached an example copy of amended language.

Sincerely,

Kelly B. Arnold  
Sedgwick County Clerk