

SESSION OF 2020

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 264

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 264, as amended, relates to the authority of the Director of Property Valuation (Director) to maintain the list of persons eligible to be appointed as a county or district appraiser. The bill would stipulate that the Director provide notice to certain persons and an opportunity for a hearing under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) prior to removing their names from the eligibility list for certain acts or omissions.

The bill also would require county commissions to notify the Director when persons no longer hold the office of county appraiser, except upon expiration of a four-year term, and include the reason for separation from employment unless otherwise precluded by law from doing so. The Director subsequently would be required to make notations on eligibility list records of such persons.

Background

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation at the request of Senator Alley.

During the Senate Committee hearing on January 22, representatives of the Kansas Chamber, the Kansas Policy Institute, and the Renew Kansas Biofuels Association appeared as proponents. The Kansas Cooperative Council submitted written-only testimony in support of the bill.

*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>

A representative of the Kansas Association of Counties appeared in opposition. Representatives of the Division of Property Valuation (PVD) and the Kansas County Appraisers Association provided neutral testimony.

On February 12, the Senate Committee amended the bill to add the provision requiring the Director to provide notice to the person regarding the opportunity to be heard under KAPA prior to removing the name of such person from the eligible county or district appraisers list for certain acts or omissions.

The Senate Committee of the Whole on February 25 removed a provision in the bill that would have specifically established termination from the office of county or district appraiser in one or more counties as one of the acts or omissions authorizing the Director to remove names from the eligibility list.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Department of Revenue indicates there would be no impact on state or local property tax revenues; and additional duties detailed in the legislation would not be expected to have any significant impact on the operations of the PVD.