

SESSION OF 2020

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 406**

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

**Brief\***

SB 406 would establish the composition of a charter commission for Sedgwick County. Commission membership would be composed as follows:

- Three members each would be appointed by the members of the Kansas Senate and the members of the House of Representatives who are residents of Sedgwick County; the bill would require each of these appointed members to be from a different senatorial district;
- Two members each would be appointed by the Sedgwick County Republican and Democratic central committees;
- Eight members would be appointed by the Sedgwick County board of county commissioners. The bill would require one appointed member from each county commission district with one member representing the county at large;
- Two members would be appointed by the Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce;
- Three members would be appointed from Sedgwick County cities; one of those would be the mayor of Wichita or a designee and two would be

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either mayors or their designees appointed by the Sedgwick County Association of Cities; and

- Two members would be appointed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission.

The bill would require all members to be appointed within 21 days after establishment of the charter commission. Members of the commission may not hold an elective state or county office.

### **Background**

The bill was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of a representative of the Sedgwick County Commission.

In the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government hearing, a representative of the Sedgwick County Commission provided proponent testimony. He stated the bill is necessary because current statutes provide for a charter commission only in Johnson County and the Sedgwick County Commission has no current plan to create a charter commission. Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Counties. No other testimony was provided.

The provisions of the bill are similar to those of KSA 19-2682, which established the composition of a charter commission for Johnson County.

The bill deals solely with the composition of the charter commission. KSA 19-2681 *et seq.* elaborate on the powers, rules, hearings, and operation of the commission and submission of any proposed charter to voters.

The Senate Committee amended to bill to make a technical change.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill as introduced, the Kansas Association of Counties indicates any costs created by enactment of the bill would be incurred solely by Sedgwick County.