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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 8, 2023

Subject: SB 194 – Qualifications of board members of hospital districts.

Senate Bill No. 194 (SB 194) would amend K.S.A. 80-2506 regarding the qualifications of individuals to be board members on the governing board of a hospital district created under K.S.A. 80-2501 et seq. Currently, such board members must qualified electors of the hospital district, which requires each member to reside within the district taxing territory.

SB 194 would allow board members to be qualified electors of the county where the hospital is located or any county that is adjacent to such county. The Senate Committee on Local Government amended the bill to require that at least a majority of the board members be residents of the county where the hospital is located. The Senate further amended the bill on the floor to include a requirement that the board members not only be qualified electors of the county or adjacent county where the hospital is located, but that the members also own real property in the taxing jurisdiction of the hospital district.

The bill passed the Senate on a final vote of 38-2.

If enacted, SB 194 would become effective on publication in the Kansas Register.