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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 194

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 194, as amended, would require members of a board of a hospital district organized under township law (Chapter 80, Article 25) to be qualified electors of either the county where the hospital is located or any county adjacent to such county and own real property within the taxing district of the hospital. The bill would require a majority of the members of the hospital district board to be residents of the county in which the hospital is located.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

Background

SB 194 was introduced by the Senate Committee on Ways and Means at the request of Senator McGinn.

Senate Committee on Local Government

In the Senate Committee hearing, Senator Billinger provided **proponent** testimony. He noted Logan, Gove, and Thomas counties include portions of the city of Oakley, where the Logan County Hospital is located, and the hospital district board struggles to find and retain members. No other testimony was provided.

*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>

The Senate Committee amended the bill to specify that a majority of the members of the district board must be residents of the county in which the hospital is located.

Senate Committee of the Whole

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to require a member of a hospital district board to own real property within the taxing district of the hospital.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect. The fiscal note further states the League of Kansas Municipalities and the Kansas Association of Counties indicate enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect on cities or counties.

Hospital district board; board membership; county