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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2380

As Amended by House Committee on Federal
and State Affairs

Brief*

HB 2380 would amend law concerning the regional system of cooperating libraries (regional system) and the library boards within the regional system. Under the bill, one or more representatives of territory not within the district of a participating library board, but within the regional system, would be appointed by the State Librarian, subject to approval by the county commissioners of the county where an appointee resides. Currently, the Governor is responsible for making such appointments.

Under existing law, each library board in the regional system also appoints one or more representatives to the system board. The bill would not change law concerning appointments by library boards.

Background

At the hearing before the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs, a board member from the Northeast Kansas Library System appeared in support of the bill. Written testimony in support of the bill was provided by the Governor's Office. A representative of the North Central Kansas Library System appeared in opposition to the bill. Written testimony in opposition to the bill was submitted by the Northwest Kansas Library System. Written neutral testimony on the bill was submitted by the South Central Kansas Library System.

*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 House Committee amended the bill to make the State Librarian the appointing authority for representatives of territory not within the district of a participating library board, but within the territory of the regional system. Previously, the bill had named the board of county commissioners of each county that was part of the regional system as the appointing authority for such representatives. The Committee also amended the bill by adopting a technical amendment to update statutory references to reflect current law because the bill was introduced during the 2015 Legislative Session.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Association of Counties indicates enactment of the bill, as introduced, would have no fiscal effect on Kansas counties.