### SESSION OF 2020

### SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 264

## As Amended by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation

### **Brief\***

SB 264, as amended, would, under certain circumstances, authorize the Director of Property Valuation (Director) to remove from the list of persons eligible to be appointed as a county or district appraiser the names of such persons who have been terminated from such position previously in one or more counties. The bill also would require the Director to provide notice and an opportunity for a hearing under the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) to the person prior to removing a person from such list.

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

<sup>\*</sup>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

appeared as proponents. The Kansas Cooperative Council submitted written-only testimony in support of the bill.

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.

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.