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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 36

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

SB 36 would make the following changes to the statutes establishing a process for the possible city-county unification in Greeley County:

- Allow for submission of the final plan to the county's voters at any primary, general or special election. Current law requires the plan be submitted at the next general election.
- Specify that the provisions under which the election is to be called and held are those required for the issuance of bonds for any purpose by most municipalities.
- Authorize the unification plan to provide for the election of governing body members from districts, in addition to the currently authorized at-large basis of electing members.
- Change the classification requirement of the unified city-county to a city of the third class. Currently, the law requires the entity be a city of the first class.

Background

Last year, SB 164 was enacted to establish a process for a possible city-county unification in Greeley County. Senator Ralph Ostmeyer testified in favor of this year's bill, stating the purpose of SB 36 was to make minor corrections in last year's legislation. No opponents testified.

The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to make it effective upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The fiscal note indicated there would be no fiscal effect on Greeley County or the City of Tribune because the bill is technical.

*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>