

SESSION OF 2009

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON SENATE BILL NO. 60

As Amended by House Committee on
Transportation

Brief*

SB 60 would exempt conveyance of real property located within a redevelopment district in Labette County established pursuant to KSA 19-4901 *et seq.* from notice of sale and other requirements of KSA 19-211 which are described below.

Background

The redevelopment districts established pursuant to KSA 19-4901 *et seq.* are the sites of the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in Labette County and the former Sunflower Army Ammunition Plant in Johnson County.

The requirements of KSA 19-211 include, for most sales of real property, notice of sale or disposition, bids, and publication of notice. KSA 19-211 also allows for an alternate methodology approved by the county commission that includes, at a minimum, notification of the public of the property to be sold, a property description, and the method of sale (such as fixed price or auction).

Proponents of the bill who presented testimony were Dan Goddard, Chief Executive Officer, Great Plains Development Authority; Brian Kinzie, Labette County Commissioner; and Carolyn Kennett, Economic Development Director, Parsons. They testified that the bill would assist in redevelopment of the 13,727-acre site of the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant (to be renamed the Great Plains Industrial Park) near Parsons by

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speeding the transfer of property to businesses wishing to locate on the site. No other conferees testified on the bill.

The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission announced its decision to close the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant in 2005. (BRAC is a process of the federal government directed at the administration and operation of the armed forces, used by the U.S. Department of Defense and Congress to close excess military installations.) The actual transfer of the property directly to the Great Plains Development Authority in Labette County is expected in the spring of 2009. The redevelopment district at the Kansas Army Ammunition Plant will be established when the transfer of the property takes place. According to testimony, BRAC rules require federal responsibility for cleanup of the environmental quality problems that are present on parts of the site.

The House Committee on Transportation amended the bill to specify that the exemption would apply only to the redevelopment district in Labette County.

The fiscal note from the Division of the Budget states the bill would have no fiscal effect.