

January 29, 2026

The Honorable Elaine Bowers, Chairperson
Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 142-S
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Senator Bowers:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for SB 396 by Senate Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning SB 396 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

SB 396 would allow the Board of Trustees of the Clearwater Cemetery District, located in Sedgwick County, to reorganize by adoption of a resolution of reorganization to remove Ohio Township from the district. The resolution would require a majority vote of the trustees.

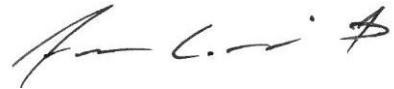
The reorganized township would have three members as follows: the Mayor of the City of Clearwater, the Township Trustee from Ninnescah Township, and one member elected at-large. The at-large member may reside in either the City of Clearwater or Ninnescah Township and would represent the entire district. The at-large member would stand for election by voters of the district beginning in the 2026 general election and every four years after that. Ohio Township and the reorganized Clearwater Cemetery District could enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement regarding the future care of cemeteries and the sharing of existing tax funds.

The bill would require a copy of the reorganization resolution to be mailed to the Sedgwick County Clerk. The reorganization of the cemetery district would be deemed effective on January 1, 2026. SB 396 would take effect upon its publication in the *Kansas Register*.

The Division of the Budget notes that SB 396 was introduced on January 27th, and the Kansas Association of Counties has not had sufficient time to provide a response. The League of Kansas Municipalities states that the City of Clearwater would likely have increased expenditures

for the upkeep and maintenance of a cemetery. However, the League is unable to determine the exact fiscal effect at this time.

Sincerely,



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Director of the Budget

cc: Wendi Stark, League of Kansas Municipalities
Jay Hall, Kansas Association of Counties