

SESSION OF 2026

**SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2539**

As Amended by House Committee on Local  
Government

**Brief\***

HB 2539 would change how members of the board of directors of the Eudora Community Library District are chosen, from appointment to election. The bill would require the governing body of the City of Eudora and the Eudora Township Board to adopt a resolution providing for election of members to that board by qualified electors of the district.

[*Note:* Under current law, the Eudora Community Library District is governed by a board that is created through a joint resolution by the City of Eudora and Eudora Township. The members of the board are appointed under that resolution and are responsible for overseeing the library's operations and overall management.]

The bill would require the joint resolution providing for the election of members of the board of directors (board) for the Eudora Community Library District to include provisions to:

- Require the election of board members in odd-numbered years;
- Set the commencement date for terms of office;
- Establish terms of office to not exceed four years and may provide for initial election terms of various lengths to create staggered terms of office; and

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\*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 <https://klrd.gov/>

- Provide procedures for filling vacancies on the board, with such appointees serving only the remainder of the unexpired term.

The bill would require a copy of the joint resolution to be filed with the county clerk.

## **Background**

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Local Government at the request of Representatives Amyx and Neely.

### ***House Committee on Local Government***

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Amyx and by representatives of the City of Eudora, Douglas County Commission, and the Eudora Community Library Board. Proponents generally stated the bill would correct a previously identified discrepancy in statutory language so that library district board members are elected as originally intended. They also indicated the change has the support of the involved local governments and library officials and reflects a shared desire for an elected board given its taxing authority.

No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to change the election from even-numbered years to odd-numbered years.

## **Fiscal Information**

According to the fiscal note provided by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the State Library estimates enactment of the bill would not have a fiscal effect.

The League of Kansas Municipalities estimates enactment of the bill would have a negligible fiscal effect on Kansas cities.

The Division of the Budget estimates the bill would have a potential fiscal effect only on the City of Eudora and the Eudora Township Board; however, a fiscal effect cannot be estimated.

The Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) states the bill would have a fiscal effect from holding an election for the board as opposed to having those members appointed and notes any fiscal effect would be for Douglas County where the board is located; however, KAC did not estimate a fiscal effect.

Eudora; Eudora Community Library District; elections; qualified electors