

SESSION OF 2026

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2769

As Recommended by House Committee on
Local Government

Brief*

HB 2769 would require any municipality that creates a subordinate service taxing area (such as a county service taxing district) and appoints a governing body with authority to tax or establish a budget and expenditures for providing services to the area residents to require all appointed members to be residents of the taxing area.

The bill would require all members of that governing body to be residents of the taxing area if the municipality either:

- Imposes or authorizes a property tax on area residents or authorizes the governing body to impose a property tax; or
- Authorizes the governing body to set a budget and spend funds for public services in the area.

The bill would define “municipality” for this purpose to mean a city, county, or unified city and county government.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Taxation at the request of Representative Caiharr.

*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/>

House Committee on Local Government

In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representative Caiharr, a representative of the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM), and a private citizen. Proponents generally stated that the bill ensures fair representation and accountability by requiring that all board members with tax levy authority to live within the taxed area, thereby aligning tax decisions with the interests of the community being affected.

Written-only proponent testimony was provided by a representative of the Kansas Association of Counties (KAC) and five private citizens.

Written-only **neutral** testimony was provided by the Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

The Department of Revenue estimates the bill would have no fiscal effect.

LKM indicates the bill has the potential to increase administrative and recruitment costs associated with new residency requirements for local taxing districts. KAC indicates the bill could affect the eligibility of current appointments to the governing body of a subordinate service taxing area. Both organizations are unable to provide a precise estimate of the fiscal effect on local governments; however, any fiscal effect is estimated to be negligible.

Tax; subordinate service taxing district; resident; municipality