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MEMORANDUM

To: Committee on Utilities
From: Nick Myers, Office of Revisor of Statutes
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Subject: Bill Brief – SB 487

Senate Bill 487 would amend the Kansas 911 act to:

- Authorize counties to contract with other counties for the consolidation of 911 public safety answering point (PSAP) services;
- Authorize distributions of 911 fee moneys to any county that consolidates PSAP services with another county;
- Require moneys that are distributed to counties be used and reviewed in accordance with the Kansas 911 act;
- Require contracting counties to maintain GIS data; and
- Exempting the legislative members of the 911 coordinating council from certain limitations on term limits.

Authorizing Counties to Contract for the Consolidation of 911 PSAP Services

SB 487 would amend K.S.A. 12-5374 and other statutes throughout the Kansas 911 act to explicitly authorize any county to contract with another county for the provision of 911 PSAP services. Such revisions would allow two or more counties to consolidate PSAP functions through contracts or memorandums of agreement between such counties. Prior to any such contract or memorandum of agreement taking effect, SB 487 would require the 911 coordinating council to approve the contract or memorandum of agreement.

Authorizing 911 Fee Moneys to be Distributed to any County that Consolidates PSAP Services

SB 487 would amend K.S.A. 12-5374 and other statutes throughout the Kansas 911 act to authorize direct distributions of 911 fee moneys to any county that consolidates its PSAP services

pursuant to a contract or memorandum of agreement with another county. SB 487 would require any county that contracts with another county for PSAP services to request that the LCPA distribute not less than 50% of such county's distribution moneys to the county where the PSAP is located.

Generally, the distribution amounts would continue to be based on the population of the county pursuant to the same distribution methodology that is provided in current law.

Requiring Moneys Distributed to Counties to be Used and Reviewed in Accordance with the
Kansas 911 Act

SB 487 would amend K.S.A. 12-5375 and other statutes within the Kansas 911 act require that any 911 fee moneys that are directly distributed to any county shall only be used for the purposes and uses authorized by the Kansas 911 act.

SB 487 would include counties that receive direct distribution moneys within the current legal framework that is designed to ensure that the 911 fee moneys distributed to PSAPs are used in accordance with the law. Specifically, SB 487 would provide the 911 coordinating council with oversight over county expenditures by requiring each county that receives such moneys to account for and annually report such expenditures. If the 911 coordinating council finds that any such moneys were misused, SB 487 would require a county to refund such amount to the 911 fee fund account of the county. Additionally, SB 487 would authorize a county to seek preapproval of an expenditure from the 911 coordinating council prior to making such expenditure.

Requiring Contracting Counties to Maintain GIS Data

SB 487 would amend K.S.A. 12-5464 to require any county that contracts with another county for the provision of PSAP services to maintain and update the county's GIS data. If a county fails to maintain or update its GIS data, the 911 coordinating council would be authorized to conduct proceedings that require such GIS data to be updated and to assess costs against the county for making such updates.

Exempting the Legislative Members of the 911 Coordinating Council from Certain Limitations
on Term Limits.

Currently, K.S.A. 12-5364 establishes that voting members of the 911 coordinating council shall serve three-year terms but prohibits any voting member from serving for more than

two successive three-year terms. SB 487 would exempt the legislative members appointed to the 911 coordinating council from such term limitations and would allow legislative members to serve terms that are commensurate with the legislative member's term of office as a legislator.

If enacted, SB 487 would take effect on July 1, 2024