

March 16, 2017

The Honorable Steven Johnson, Chairperson
House Committee on Taxation
Statehouse, Room 185-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Representative Johnson:

SUBJECT: Fiscal Note for HB 2376 by House Committee on Taxation

In accordance with KSA 75-3715a, the following fiscal note concerning HB 2376 is respectfully submitted to your committee.

Under current law, a special election is required for all property tax increases passed by any city or county governing body if the increase is in an amount exceeding what is provided in KSA 79-2925(c). HB 2375 would allow a governing body of any city or county to increase property tax revenues in an amount exceeding what is provided in KSA 79-2925(c) if the governing body issues a notice in the official city or county newspaper. HB 2375 would allow members of the public to petition in opposition of the property tax increase and, upon successful petition, require the property tax increase to be voted upon by the public. The bill sets forth guidelines to achieve a successful petition and guidelines to conduct any special election required as a result of a successful petition.

The League of Kansas Municipalities indicates the bill would require an election only if a successful petition is made and could reduce costs for cities because an election may not be required. The Kansas Association of Counties indicates that when an election would be required, costs for counties would increase in order to hold the election. The Department of Revenue indicates the bill would have no effect on the state levies for the two state building funds or the statewide mill levy for education.

Sincerely,



Shawn Sullivan,
Director of the Budget

cc: Larry Baer, League of Municipalities
Melissa Wangemann, Association of Counties
Lynn Robinson, Department of Revenue