SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2079

As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2079, as amended, would add water district vehicles to the list of vehicles that can be permanently registered in the state. Current law provides for permanent registration of city, county, township, school district, community college, and technical college vehicles. Current law also states vehicles used for utility purposes are to be registered for a five-year period.

The bill would take effect upon publication in the Kansas Register.

Background

The bill was introduced by the House Committee on Water and Environment. At the House Committee hearing, a representative of the Kansas Rural Water Association provided testimony in favor of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

The House Committee amended the bill to clarify that if water districts use vehicles for utility purposes, the vehicles would be subject to the five-year licensing requirement in current law.

In the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources hearing, a representative of the Kansas Rural Water Association provided testimony in favor of the bill. No other testimony was provided.

*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 http://www.kslegislature.org
The Senate Committee of the Whole amended the bill to change the effective date from publication in the statute book to publication in the Kansas Register.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget, the Kansas Department of Revenue estimates enactment of the bill, as introduced, would cause additional administrative expenses for the agency in the amount of $3,675, all from the State General Fund. The agency indicated new decals would be required to identify water district vehicles. There are 250 decals per roll at a cost of $0.14 per decal and a roll would be provided to each county (250 decals X $0.14 per decal = $35 X 105 counties = $3,675). Any fiscal effect associated with the bill is not reflected in The FY 2018 Governor’s Budget Report.