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SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2505

As Amended by Senate Committee on Ethics,
Elections and Local Government

Brief*

HB 2505 would clarify when a mayor is considered a member of a governing body based on the form of government utilized by a city:

- In commission and commission-manager cities, the mayor would be considered part of the city governing body in all matters; and
- In mayor-council, modified mayor-council, and mayor-council-manager cities, the mayor would be considered part of the city governing body for the purpose of voting on the passage of charter ordinances:
 - In order to be considered part of the governing body for purposes of voting on any other matter in mayor-council, modified mayor-council, and mayor-council-manager cities, an ordinance would need to be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the council establishing the matters on which a mayor may vote.

All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a mayor being considered part of the city governing body would remain in effect until amended or repealed by such city.

The bill would be in effect upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

*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>

Background

The bill was introduced at the request of the League of Kansas Municipalities (League). In the House Committee on Local Government hearing, a representative of the League testified as a proponent of the bill and stated the bill would eliminate confusion regarding when a mayor is considered a member of a city's governing body.

No other testimony was provided.

In the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government hearing, a representative of the League provided proponent testimony, stating the bill would provide clarity by redefining when a mayor is considered a member of the city's governing body while giving cities the ability through local control to modify the general rule to best suit their situations. No other testimony was provided.

The Senate Committee amended the bill to change the effective date to upon publication in the *Kansas Register*.

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, as introduced, the Office of Judicial Administration and the League state the bill would have no fiscal effect.