

Approved: February 6, 2012  
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## MINUTES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Reitz at 9:30 a.m. on January 31, 2012, in Room 159 S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Senator Ralph Ostmeyer, excused

Committee staff present:

Mike Heim, Office of the Revisor of Statutes  
Jill Shelley, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Laura Jurgensen, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Noell Memmott, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Rod Broberg, Kansas County Appraisers Association  
Paul A. Welcome, Johnson County Appraiser

Mike Heim, revisor, reviewed **SB 346–Sale of property for delinquent taxes; changes**

Senator Huntington proposed that she would work with interested parties on both sides of **SB 346** to amend the language. Senator Kelsey supported the proposal. Chairman Reitz rescheduled the discussion and possible action to Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

The discussion opened on **SB 347–Court of tax appeals; filing fees; municipalities exemption.**

Mike Heim, revisor, explained that the bill would allow municipalities to be exempt from filing fees. *Senator Brungardt moved to pass SB 347 to the Senate floor. The motion was seconded by Senator Marshall.* Discussion followed. *The motion failed.*

The hearing opened on **SB 348–Appraisal of property for taxation purposes; appeals; changes.**

Mike Heim, revisor, noted wording changes in the bill. Ron Broberg, Kansas County Appraisers Association, testified to the changes **SB 348** would provide. The first change is a statute dealing with leased commercial real estate. The second change to current statute concerns the taxation of boats. The third change would amend current statute to allow County Appraisers to send a change of value notice by e-mail to any taxpayer who has given us a current e-mail address. The fourth and final change to consider concerns the placing of escaped property on the tax roll. (attachment 1) Paul A. Welcome, Johnson County Appraiser, explained that his office is trying to resolve cases at the earliest possible date. **SB 348** would establish a substantive hearing at the earliest point in the appeal process and resolve the issue that should be applied. (attachment 2)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

The next meeting will be Monday, February 6, 2012.

CONTINUATION SHEET

Minutes of the Senate Local Government Committee at 9:30 a.m. on February 22, 2011 in Room 159 S of the Capitol.