

[Full Version](http://www.lkm.org/leagueneews/2015/21) | <http://www.lkm.org/leagueneews/2015/21>

LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES



LEAGUE NEWS



VOLUME 20 – NUMBER 21 – MAY 29, 2015

PUBLISHED BY THE LEAGUE OF KANSAS MUNICIPALITIES

Headlines (Click on the story title to go directly to that story)

- [1\) Legislature Still Struggling to Formulate a Tax Plan](#)
 - [2\) Public Funds for Lobbying and Sign Regulations in Conference Committee Report](#)
 - [3\) Annexation Passes House](#)
 - [4\) FY 2016 Tax Estimates Posted](#)
-

1) Legislature Still Struggling to Formulate a Tax Plan

Both tax committees continued the struggle to formulate one or more tax plans. The Senate spent nearly five hours on Wednesday debating its tax bill, [S Sub HB 2109](#). A number of amendments were offered on the floor. The most significant, to cities and counties, was the amendment to remove [SB 259](#), the motor vehicle valuation and assessment changes. The amendment was successful, passing 27 - 5. However, the motion to pass the bill to final action failed on a 1 - 30 vote. This does not kill the bill. [S Sub HB 2109](#), without the motor vehicle tax portion, is still alive and can be revisited by the Senate.

Today, the House passed a very stripped down tax bill with the apparent purpose to get something to the Senate and ultimately to conference committee. It will then become incumbent upon the conference committee members to structure a tax plan that fills the \$400 million hole in the budget and do it in a manner that will get 63 votes in the House and 21 in the Senate. The tax committees, or at least the tax conference committee, have

been told by leadership that they will be working through the weekend, if necessary, to come up with a plan.

2) Public Funds for Lobbying and Sign Regulations in Conference Committee Report

Earlier this week, the Ethics and Elections Conference Committee reached agreement on the conference committee report for [HB 2183](#). At the time of this publication, the conference committee report is not available to view. The conference committee report contains two bill that affect cities. First, is [SB 42](#), which requires lobbyists to file a report listing the amount of public funds they receive to lobby. The requirement begins January 1, 2017.

Second, CCR for [HB 2183](#) contains political sign regulations. In its original form, [HB 2183](#) would have prohibited cities from regulating the placement of or the number of political signs on private property or the unpaved right-of-way. The conference committee amended the report so now cities will be able to regulate the size and set back distance for the placement of signs. The League expects the Senate to vote on the conference committee report this afternoon.

3) Annexation Passes House

On Tuesday, the House adopted the conference committee report on [HB 2003](#) concerning island annexation of city owned property. As reported previously, the conference committee agreed to remove the Senate amendments regarding unilateral annexation. With the removal of the Senate amendments, the League no longer opposes [HB 2003](#). The bill will now be sent to the governor to be signed into law.

4) FY 2016 Tax Estimates Posted

The League has posted the FY 2016 Local Alcohol Tax and the Special Street/Highway Fund estimated distribution reports to the Budget Tips page. There are separate reports for cities and counties. The reports can be viewed [here](#). Please keep in mind these are estimates and the amounts distributed can be affected by many variables.

[View as PDF](#)

For subscription changes, address changes, comments or suggestions,
contact Nikki Harrison at nharrison@lkm.org

[About LKM](#) – [Site Map](#) – [Staff Email Addresses](#)



300 SW 8th Avenue, Topeka, KS 66603-3951
P. (785) 354-9565 • F. (785) 354-4186 • www.lkm.org