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**MEMORANDUM**

To: Chairperson Bergquist  
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 15, 2023

Subject: HB 2323 – Transfer of fire district property after annexation by a city.

House Bill No. 2323 (HB 2323) would amend K.S.A. 19-3623f, which governs the transfer of property of certain fire districts after the land has been annexed by a city. The statute is part of an act governing fire districts created in Johnson County. Under current state law, if any land that is part of a Johnson County fire district is annexed by a city, then the annexing city and the fire district are directed to negotiate the transfer of the property. The negotiated agreement must then be approved by the Johnson County Board of County Commissioners.

HB 2323 amends this statute to provide that the transfer of property occurs on approval of an agreement as stated under current law or one year from the date of the annexation, whichever occurs first. This new language provides the parties one year to negotiate an agreement for the transfer of the property. If no agreement is presented to the Board of County Commissioners in that time, then the land becomes detached by law from the fire district and transferred to the city.

If enacted, HB 2323 would become effective on July 1, 2023.