

Jefferson County, Kansas

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COUNTY OFFICES

Commissioners
863-2272

Clerk
863-2272

Attorney
863-2251

Sheriff
863-2351

Register of Deeds
863-2243

Treasurer
863-2691

Clerk of the
District Court
863-2461

Engineer
863-2211

Appraiser
863-2080

Noxious Weed
863-2581

Emergency
Preparedness
863-2247

Extension
863-2212

Planning & Zoning
863-2241

Ambulance
863-2278

Health
Department
863-2447

February 15, 2012

House Committee on Government Efficiency

RE: Written Testimony in opposition to HB2675

Chairman Burgess & Members of the Committee,

I am in opposition to the passage of House Bill 2675. Assessment rolls are the vehicle from which tax statements are generated. The names and addresses maintained in the roll are geared toward who wants to receive the tax statement. Appraisal rolls are geared toward who the owner of the property is and their associated address. Many times these are not the same person. Having the Clerk maintain the assessment roll also provides a nice check and balance against the records maintained by the Appraiser. If one or the other office makes an error or misses a change in ownership, it is usually caught by comparison of the two rolls.

County Clerk's have held the duty of maintaining the assessment roll since County government was set up in the early 1800's. The system of having the Appraiser maintain the appraisal rolls and the Clerk's maintain the assessment rolls has served the citizens of Kansas well. I would respectfully ask that you vote no on House Bill 2675.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Buttron
Jefferson County Clerk