



Community Bankers Association of Kansas

Kansas Legislative and Policy Report

Veto Session Report

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Overview

The Legislature returned to Topeka on April 9th for a brief veto session, adjourning just after midnight on Saturday following a marathon couple of days for debate and veto overrides. In addition to overriding all but just a very few of the Governor's vetoes, the Legislature refocused its attention on passing a new property tax relief plan. It largely resembles the bill (Sub HB 2745) it sent to the Governor at First Adjournment, which she then vetoed. The new bill, CCR on HB 2043, passed both chambers, but the Governor has the last say with a possible veto now that the Legislature has officially adjourned. Should that happen, it marks yet another year where the Legislature goes home without having passed any significant property tax relief.

Additionally, the Legislature attempted to pass two constitutional amendments, one that would have provided the Legislature with the authority to establish valuation limits for any class of property (SCR 1603), and another capping valuations using a rolling average (HCR 5008). SCR 1603 failed in the House and HCR 5008 failed in the Senate after midnight in a final, futile attempt at addressing property taxes through a constitutional amendment.

This last weekly report of the 2026 Session details where everything stands now that the Legislature has adjourned sine die. We will be taking a short respite from our reports, before beginning our monthly updates later in May once we know more about possible interim activities and committees. But for now, legislators, namely House members, head home to rest up before hitting the campaign trail.

Financial Institutions Updates

Much like our First Adjournment Report, this week's report details bills that have been signed by the Governor; bills that were vetoed but overridden by the Legislature; and any bills that are dead. Bills and their official explanation can be found [here](#).

The saga of HB 2745, the property tax lid and protest petition bill, continued during Veto Session. After removing the customary Tax Conference Committee members and appointing themselves the members, House and Senate leadership negotiated a new deal with a handful of changes to 2745 in a new bill, [CCR on HB 2043](#). While it keeps the 3% or Midwest CPI-U growth cap, it now includes the following changes to HB 2745: added back the exceptions for bonding/debt service payments, new construction, annexation of new property, and the ability to

capture new incentives; retained protest petition but changed it from 10% of registered voters to 10% of voters in the last Secretary of State election; and excluded school districts. Both chambers passed the bill, and the Governor will have the ability to veto the bill. Because the legislature is no longer in session (they adjourned sine die), a veto cannot be overridden. If the legislature were to return for a special session they would have to reintroduce the bill, pass it, and the Governor could veto that bill as well.

The Legislature also adopted [CCR on HB 2044](#). This makes changes to the SAFESR property tax circuit breaker program so that qualified individuals do not lose eligibility should their appraised home value exceed the current threshold. The bill now heads to the Governor for her likely approval.

Additionally, the latest version of [SCR 1603](#) failed in the House. It was a constitutional amendment that, if passed on the November ballot, would have given the Legislature the authority to establish valuation limits for any class/subclass of property. In a final effort by the Seante to pass a constitutional amendment, as the session entered the early Saturday morning hours, the Senate sent the House another constitutional amendment. HCR 5008 required the legislature to set a cap on property tax valuations to a rolling average, and the specifics would be determined by the 2027 legislature. The House rejected the amendment and the session concluded.

In addition to these tax topics, here is where everything else stands as the Legislature left Topeka early Saturday morning.

Bills Signed by the Governor

- [CCR on HB 2591](#): Several bills of note, including HB 2515 (crypto ATMs), SB 410 (earned wage services access), and SB 300 (TEFFI) added into HB 2591 (trusted contact) as a combating financial fraud bundle. Those bills were all combined into [CCR on HB 2591](#) which passed both chambers unanimously. Includes the following:
 - HB 2515: Enacting the virtual currency kiosk consumer protection act, providing definitions, establishing requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators, imposing certain limits on virtual currency kiosk transaction amounts and charges, and authorizing the attorney general and any law enforcement agency to investigate reports of fraudulent money transmission and report to OSBC.
 - SB 300: Prohibits OSBC from becoming a receiver for a TEFFI that becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy.
 - SB 410: Providing that earned wage access service registrants are subject to the Kansas financial institutions information security act.
 - HB 2591: Authorizing financial institutions to report suspected financial exploitation of an adult account holder to a designated agency, notify any adult designated as a trusted contact by such account holder of suspected financial exploitation and place a temporary hold on certain transactions or disbursements.
- [CCR on 435](#): KPERS technical clean-up bill that also includes provisions of SB 524: trailer bill related to the public moneys pooled investment method from last year regarding administration, fee structure, operation, etc., of the program.
- [CCR on HB 2497](#): Prohibiting the assessment of a prepayment penalty against any party more than six months after the execution of a note evidencing a home loan made primarily for personal, family or household purposes secured by a real estate mortgage.

- [CCR on HB 2590](#): Enacting the Kansas community property trust act to authorize the use of community property trusts during the marriage of settlor spouses and amending the Kansas uniform trust code to allow trustees to reimburse settlors of grantor trusts, authorize the use of designated representatives for trusts and permit the terms of a governing instrument to expand, restrict or eliminate certain general rules applicable to fiduciaries, trusts and trust administration.
 - Passed both chambers unanimously.
- HB 2378 (from 2025 Session): Establishing the removal of squatters act, providing a procedure to remove a squatter from a dwelling unit, requiring owners or agents of dwelling units to provide an affidavit to the county sheriff, requiring notice to vacate by the sheriff, establishing the crime of providing a false affidavit and establishing a civil cause of action for wrongful removal of a person from a dwelling unit, allowing attorney fees and punitive damages.

Bills Vetoed but Overridden by Legislature

- [SB 375](#): Enacting the proxy advisor transparency act, requiring proxy advisors to make certain disclosures when recommending an action against company management, authorizing the attorney general to investigate and take enforcement actions against violators.

Bills Passed During Veto Session

- [CCR on HB 2515](#) (formerly SB 39 as amended by House Financial Institutions): Establishing the Kansas legal tender act and providing for an income tax subtraction modification for gains from the sale of gold and silver.

Upcoming Activities

- The legislative schedule of hearings is updated regularly throughout the week and can be found in the House and Senate calendars on the Legislature's [website](#).
- All hearings are available online live and archived. You can find those hearings on the Legislative [YouTube](#).

Wrap Up

Let us know if you have any questions.

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