



## **Community Bankers Association of Kansas**

### **Kansas Legislative and Policy Report - Conclusion of Session**

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#### **Overview**

The 2022 Legislative Session has now officially concluded, with both chambers wrapping up their work in just a few hours on Monday, adjourning early in the afternoon. Both chambers overrode two of the Governor's vetoes, passed a final tax bill, and passed legislation authorizing the funding and implementation for the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) that is set to go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Additionally, several House members took the time to officially announce their retirements.

Here is a summary of what the Legislature accomplished on Monday:

#### **Vetoes Overridden**

- Both chambers managed to override two bills the Governor vetoed: HB 2387 and HB 2252.
  - HB 2387: Prohibits any changes, as well as issuance of an RFP, for Medicaid MCO contracts until January 2023.
    - Overridden by the House 84-38 and the Senate 27-12.
  - HB 2252: Prohibiting the modification of election laws by agreement except as approved by the Legislative Coordinating Council (made up of legislative leadership).
    - Overridden by the House 84-37 and the Senate 27-10.

#### **Vetoes Sustained**

- The Legislature did not attempt to override the Governor's veto of SB 34, which would have prohibited governmental entities and public officials from requiring masks in response to any contagious/infectious disease and limited KDHE authority to enforce quarantine and student inoculation requirements if not fully authorized by the FDA.

#### **Last-Minute Legislation**

- The Legislature also passed two bills on Monday that had previously been close to passing during Veto Session: SB 19 and HB 2136.
  - SB 19 implements the 988 suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline in Kansas. Additionally, the Legislature's Omnibus budget bill passed during Veto Session includes \$10 million for implementing the crisis line, and for services associated with the NSPL.

- HB 2136 is a tax bill related to sales tax remittances and delays the implementation of a sales tax exclusion for delivery charges. It also enacts the COVID-19 Retail Storefront Property Tax Relief Act. The Property Tax Relief Act allows a maximum of \$5,000 for certain retail storefront businesses who were shut down or restricted in tax years 2020 or 2021 as a result of COVID-19 responses. The Legislature's Omnibus budget bill included \$50 million to pay for these property tax refunds. The bill and funding remove all local government financial liability.
  - KLRD summary of HB 2136 can be found here:  
[http://kslegislature.org/li/b2021\\_22/measures/documents/ccrb\\_hb2136\\_02\\_042822pm.pdf](http://kslegislature.org/li/b2021_22/measures/documents/ccrb_hb2136_02_042822pm.pdf)

### Looking Ahead

- On Monday, nine additional House members announced their retirement, bringing the total so far to 14 House members who will not return for the 2023 Session. There are certainly several more who will not return, though they have not yet announced. In addition, both the Speaker Pro Tem and Speaker of the House are not seeking re-election, so there will be much change at the House leadership level as well.
- While medical marijuana failed to pass for another year, shortly after the Legislature adjourned on Monday a press release from the Senate Federal & State Affairs committee announced interim meetings will take place this summer to continue working on the issue.
- Sometime likely within the next month, the Legislative Coordinating Council (LCC) will meet to allocate interim committee meeting topics and days.
- As the volume of legislative activities dwindle as lawmakers are busy campaigning, we will continue to monitor issues as they arise and report, accordingly, providing monthly reports during the Summer and Fall to keep you up to date on interim activities and election updates.

### Wrap Up

Let us know if you have any questions.

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