HOUSE BILL No. 2412

By Committee on Appropriations

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1 AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to using the internet as a source for official publications; amending K.S.A. 10-120, 10-1116c, 25-2018, 25-2022, 64-101, 72-2138, 72-7108, 72-8213b, 75-2317, 79-2001, 79-2303, 79-2322, 79-2323a, 79-2804f and 79-2929 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433, 72-8801, 79-2804 and 79-2925b and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-1651.

 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) Any municipality may publish any public notices required by law to be placed in a newspaper by complying with the provisions of this section.

- (b) Except as provided in subsection (d), any provision of law that requires one or more publications in a newspaper may be fulfilled by one publication in a newspaper and publication on an internet website for at least 180 days.
- (c) All public notices published on an internet website pursuant to this section shall be available to the general public for at least 180 days after such notices are published. Once posted on the internet website, a municipality may not remove the content of any public notice for at least 180 days.
- (d) On and after July 1, 2018, any public notices required by law to be placed in a newspaper may be placed on an internet website. If any such public notice complies with the provisions of subsection (c), such notice shall not be required to be placed in a newspaper.
- (e) The secretary of state shall create and maintain an internet website for the purpose of providing municipalities a location on the internet to publish public notices.
- (f) The secretary of state shall not be responsible for the posting, accuracy or legal sufficiency of public notices on the website created pursuant to subsection (e). The posting, accuracy or legal sufficiency of the legal notices posted the internet website created and maintained by the secretary of state shall be the responsibility of the municipality publishing such notice.
 - (g) For the purposes of this act:
- (1) "Municipality" shall have the meaning ascribed to it in K.S.A. 75-6102, and amendments thereto; and

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 (2) "internet website" means a website that is not password protected, open to the general public and provided at no cost to the general public.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 10-120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 10-120. Whenever an election is required for the issuance of bonds for any purpose by any municipality other than an irrigation district or where a different procedure for giving notice of the election is specifically provided by law, upon compliance with the legal requirements necessary and precedent to the call for the election, the proper municipal officers shall call an election. The election shall be held within 45 days after compliance with the necessary requirements, or within 90 days, should the longer period include the date of a general election.

Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality once each week for two consecutive weeks or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The first publication shall be not less than 21 days prior to the election. The notice shall set forth the time and place of holding the election and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and shall be signed by the county election officer. The election shall be held at the usual place of holding elections and shall be conducted by the officers or persons provided by law for holding elections in the municipality.

- Sec. 3. K..S.A. 10-1116c is hereby amended to read as follows: 10-1116c. Any lease-purchase agreement entered into pursuant to this act shall be subject to the following conditions:
- (a) If the proposed agreement is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the municipality, it shall be approved by a majority vote of all members of the governing body.
- (b) If the proposed agreement involves the acquisition of land or buildings by a municipality other than a county, school district or community college, is for a term of three or more years, and provides for payments in any year in excess of 3% of the total amount budgeted by the municipality for expenditure during the current year, excluding debt service, a notice thereof specifying the purpose and the total of all payments shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within such municipality or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. If, within 30 days following the last publication of such notice, a petition in opposition to the agreement signed by not less than 5% of the qualified voters of such municipality is filed with the appropriate county election officer, no such agreement shall take effect unless and until the same is approved by a majority of the qualified voters of such municipality voting at an election thereon. Any such election shall be called and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, or in accordance with the provisions of the mail ballot election act.

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(c) If the municipality is a county, school district or community 1 2 college and the proposed agreement involves the acquisition of land or 3 buildings, is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the 4 municipality, and provides for annual payments which in the aggregate 5 exceed \$100,000, the governing body of such municipality first shall adopt 6 a resolution stating its intent to enter into such lease-purchase agreement. 7 The resolution shall specify the total of all payments to be made pursuant 8 to the agreement and the purpose for which such agreement is to be 9 entered into. The resolution shall be published once each week for two 10 consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and 11 12 amendments thereto. If a protest petition signed by not less than 5% of the 13 qualified voters of the municipality, as determined by the vote for secretary 14 of state at the last general election, is filed with the appropriate county election officer within 30 days following the last publication of the 15 resolution, no such agreement shall take effect unless approved by a 16 17 majority of the qualified voters of the municipality voting at an election 18 thereon. Any such election shall be called and held in the manner provided 19 by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, or in accordance with the 20 provisions of the mail ballot election act. If no such protest petition is 21 filed within the time limitation contained herein, the governing body of the 22 municipality may enter into such agreement. If an election is held 23 pursuant to a protest petition and a majority vote is cast in favor of the 24 proposition, the governing body of the municipality shall have authority to 25 enter into such agreement. 26

- (d) If the proposed agreement is for a term exceeding the current fiscal year of the municipality, the agreement shall specify the following: (1) The amount or capital cost required to purchase the item if paid for by cash; (2) the annual average effective interest cost; and (3) the amount included in the payments for service, maintenance, insurance or other charges exclusive of the capital cost and interest cost.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.
- (b) On or before January 15, the county election officer shall publish a notice of election one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The notice for board member elections shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the general election;; (3) the date of the primary election if one is held;; (4) the filing deadline and the place of filing;; and (5) the offices or positions to be filled.
- (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part

thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe any particular form.

- (d) Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district *or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto*, if a primary election is required to be held. The publication shall be made one time and shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the primary election;; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a candidate;; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve;; *and* (5) the times of opening and closing of the polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer
- (e) Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April a notice of the general election shall be published by the county election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the general election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the time of opening and closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be determined by the county election officer.
- (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the election; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond election; (4) the proposition to be voted upon; (5) the hours of opening and closing of the polls; (6) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve;; and (7) any other information specifically required by law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district *or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto,* stating that the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the board not sooner than—fifteen (15) 15 days after such publication. If such vacancy occurs before January 1 of an odd-numbered year leaving an unexpired term of more than two years such appointee shall serve until the

 July 1 after the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, or any and amendments thereto.

In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing July 1 after the following general school election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 64-101 is hereby amended to read as follows: 64-101.
- (a) The governing body of each city—of the first class shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official city newspaper. Once designated, the newspaper shall be the official city newspaper until such time as the governing body designates a different newspaper.

No legal notice, advertisement or publication of any kind required or provided by any of the laws of the state of Kansas, to be published in a newspaper shall have any force or effect unless the same is published in a newspaper which:

- (1) Is published at least weekly 50 times a year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any official city publication;
 - (2) is entered at the post office as periodical class mail matter;
- (3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the county in which the city is located and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and
- (4) is published in the county in which the city publishing the official publication is located. If there is no newspaper published in the county, the newspaper shall be published in Kansas and shall have general paid circulation in the county; and
- (5) publishes all public notices that such newspaper publishes for any city to an internet website, and provides to the secretary of state the location on the internet of all public notices that such newspaper publishes.
- (b) The board of county commissioners of each county shall designate by resolution a newspaper to be the official county newspaper. Once designated the newspaper shall be the official county newspaper until such time as the board designates a different newspaper. The newspaper selected for the official publications of a county shall be a newspaper which:
- (1) Is published at least weekly 50 times each year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any official county publication;
- (2) is entered at the post office in the county of publication as periodical class mail matter, which county shall be located in Kansas;
- (3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the county and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and

(4) is published in the county publishing the official publication. If there is no newspaper published in the county, the newspaper shall be printed in Kansas and have general paid circulation in the county; and

- (5) publishes all public notices that such newspaper publishes for any county to an internet website, and provides to the secretary of state the location on the internet of all public notices that such newspaper publishes.
- (c) Whenever the board of education of a school district is required to publish a legal notice, advertisement or other publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district, such newspaper shall be one which:
- (1) Is published at least weekly 50 times each year and has been so published for at least one year prior to the publication of any school district publication;
- (2) is entered at the post office in the school district of publication as periodical class mail matter;
- (3) has general paid circulation on a daily, weekly, monthly or yearly basis in the school district and is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication; and
- (4) is published in the school district publishing the official publication. If there is no newspaper published in the school district, the newspaper shall be published in Kansas and shall have general paid circulation in the school district: and
- (5) publishes all public notices that such newspaper publishes for any school district to an internet website, and provides to the secretary of state the location on the internet of all public notices that such newspaper publishes.
- (d) Nothing contained in this section shall invalidate the publication in a newspaper which has resumed publication after having suspended publication all or part of the time that the United States has been engaged in war with any foreign nation and six months next following the cessation of hostilities if such newspaper resumes publication in good faith under the same ownership as it had when it suspended publication. Nothing in this section shall invalidate the publication in a newspaper which has simply changed its name or moved its place of publication from one part of the county to another part, or suspended publication on account of fire, flood, strikes, shortages of materials or other unavoidable accidents for not to exceed 10 weeks within the year last preceding the first publication of the legal notice, advertisement or publication. All legal publications heretofore made which otherwise would be valid, that have been made in a newspaper which, on account of flood, fire, strikes, shortages of materials or other unavoidable accident, has suspended publication for a period of not exceeding 10 weeks, are hereby legalized.

 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 72-2138 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-2138. Immediately upon receipt of the advice of final appraisement, the county treasurer shall proceed to sell the land described in the appraisement. The county treasurer shall give public notice by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, or give such notice in the official county paper once each week for two consecutive weeks previous to such sale that such land has been duly appraised, and that the county treasurer will offer the same at public sale on the day and hour named in the notice. The notice shall contain a description of the land and its appraised value. At the time mentioned in the notice, the county treasurer shall offer all of the school lands so appraised for sale at public auction, selling each legal subdivision separately and receiving bids by the acre, but no bid shall be received for less than the appraised value.

- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-6433. (a) As used in this section:
- (1) "State prescribed percentage" means 33% of state financial aid of the district in the current school year.
- (2) "Authorized to adopt a local option budget" means that a district has adopted a resolution pursuant to subsection (c), (d) or (e).
- (3) "State financial aid" shall have the meaning provided in K.S.A. 72-6410, and amendments thereto, except that the term shall not include virtual school state aid, as described in K.S.A. 72-3715, and amendments thereto.
- (b) In each school year, the board of any district may adopt a local option budget which does not exceed the state prescribed percentage.
- (c) Subject to the limitation of subsection (b), in each school year, the board of any district may adopt, by resolution, a local option budget in an amount not to exceed:
- (1) (A) The amount which the board was authorized to adopt in accordance with the provisions of this section in effect prior to its amendment by this act; plus
- (B) the amount which the board was authorized to adopt pursuant to any resolution currently in effect; plus
- (C) the amount which the board was authorized to adopt pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, if applicable to the district; or
- (2) the state-wide average for the preceding school year as determined by the state board pursuant to subsection (k).

Except as provided by subsection (e), the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of the board. Such resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall require no other procedure, authorization or approval.

(d) Except as provided by subsection (e), if the board of a district desires to increase its local option budget authority above the amount

authorized under subsection (c) or if the board was not authorized to adopt a local option budget in 2006-2007, the board may adopt, by resolution, such budget in an amount not to exceed the state prescribed percentage. The adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of the board. The resolution shall be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the district or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The resolution shall be published in substantial compliance with the following form: Unified School District No._____, County, Kansas. RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved that:

The board of education of the above-named school district shall be authorized to adopt a local option budget in each school year in an amount not to exceed _____% of the amount of state financial aid. The local option budget authorized by this resolution may be adopted, unless a petition in opposition to the same, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home county of the school district within 30 days after publication of this resolution. If a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the question of whether adoption of the local option budget shall be authorized to the electors of the school district at an election called for the purpose or at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the school district.

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the board of education of unified School District No._____, ____County, Kansas, on the day of , .

Clerk of the board of education.

All of the blanks in the resolution shall be filled as is appropriate. If a sufficient petition is not filed, the board may adopt a local option budget. If a sufficient petition is filed, the board may notify the county election officer of the date of an election to be held to submit the question of whether adoption of a local option budget shall be authorized. Any such election shall be noticed, called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto. If the board fails to notify the county election officer within 30 days after a sufficient petition is filed, the resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be adopted by the board within the nine months following publication of the resolution.

(e) (1) Except as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3), any resolution

authorizing the adoption of a local option budget in excess of 30% of the state financial aid of the district in the current school year shall not become effective unless such resolution has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the school district voting at an election called and held thereon. The election shall be called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto, except that such election shall be a mail ballot election conducted in accordance with K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto. Any such election shall be held on or before August 1 of the initial school year for which such resolution was adopted.

- (2) For school year 2014-2015, any board of education of a school district which has adopted a local option budget in excess of 30% of state financial aid in the current school year on or before June 30, 2014, may adopt a second resolution in an amount not to exceed 2% of state financial aid, provided that the aggregate local option budget authority for the district does not exceed 33% of state financial aid in the current school year. The adoption of a second resolution pursuant to this paragraph shall require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall specifically state in such resolution that it shall expire on June 30, 2015. Such resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall require no other procedure, authorization or approval.
- (3) The board of unified school district no. 207, as described in K.S.A. 72-5333b, and amendments thereto, may adopt a local option budget in excess of 30% of state financial aid of the district in the current school year in accordance with subsection (d).
- (f) Unless specifically stated otherwise in the resolution, the authority to adopt a local option budget shall be continuous and permanent. The board of any district which is authorized to adopt a local option budget may choose not to adopt such a budget or may adopt a budget in an amount less than the amount authorized. If the board of any district whose authority to adopt a local option budget is not continuous and permanent refrains from adopting a local option budget, the authority of such district to adopt a local option budget shall not be extended by such refrainment beyond the period specified in the resolution authorizing adoption of such budget.
- (g) The board of any district may initiate procedures to renew or increase the authority to adopt a local option budget at any time during a school year after the tax levied pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6435, and amendments thereto, is certified to the county clerk under any existing authorization.
- (h) The board of any district that is authorized to adopt a local option budget prior to the effective date of this act under a resolution which authorized the adoption of such budget in accordance with the provisions

of this section in effect prior to its amendment by this act may continue to operate under such resolution for the period of time specified in the resolution or may abandon the resolution and operate under the provisions of this section as amended by this act. Any such district shall operate under the provisions of this section as amended by this act after the period of time specified in the resolution has expired.

- (i) Any resolution adopted pursuant to this section may revoke or repeal any resolution previously adopted by the board. If the resolution does not revoke or repeal previously adopted resolutions, all resolutions which are in effect shall expire on the same date. The maximum amount of the local option budget of a school district under all resolutions in effect shall not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year.
- (j) (1) There is hereby established in every district that adopts a local option budget a fund which shall be called the supplemental general fund. The fund shall consist of all amounts deposited therein or credited thereto according to law.
- (2) Subject to the limitation imposed under—paragraph (3) and subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-6434(e)(3), and amendments thereto, amounts in the supplemental general fund may be expended for any purpose for which expenditures from the general fund are authorized or may be transferred to any program weighted fund or categorical fund of the district. Amounts in the supplemental general fund attributable to any percentage over 25% of state financial aid determined for the current school year may be transferred to the capital improvements fund of the district and the capital outlay fund of the district if such transfers are specified in the resolution authorizing the adoption of a local option budget in excess of 25%.
- (3) Amounts in the supplemental general fund may not be expended for the purpose of making payments under any lease-purchase agreement involving the acquisition of land or buildings which is entered into pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-8225, and amendments thereto.
- (4) (A) Except as provided in paragraph (B), any unexpended budget remaining in the supplemental general fund of a district at the conclusion of any school year in which a local option budget is adopted shall be maintained in such fund.
- (B) If the district received supplemental general state aid in the school year, the state board shall determine the ratio of the amount of supplemental general state aid received to the amount of the local option budget of the district for the school year and multiply the total amount of the unexpended budget remaining by such ratio. An amount equal to the amount of the product shall be transferred to the general fund of the district or remitted to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of any such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to

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the credit of the state school district finance fund.

- (k) Each year the state board of education shall determine the statewide average percentage of local option budgets legally adopted by school districts for the preceding school year.
- (1) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433d, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 72-7108 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-7108. (a) Transfers of territory from one unified district to another unified district shall be made only as follows:
- (1) Upon the written agreement of any two boards approved by the state board of education; or
- (2) upon order of the state board after petition therefor by one board and a public hearing thereon conducted by the state board of education.
- (b) The effective date of any such transfer shall be the date of approval thereof or order therefor issued by the state board of education or the July 1 following.
- (c) Notice of the public hearing on such a petition shall be given by publication by the state board of education by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, or shall be published for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the unified district from which territory is to be transferred, the last publication to be not more than 10 nor less than three days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall state the time and place of the hearing and shall give a summary description of the territory proposed to be transferred.
- (d) Prior to issuing an order, the state board shall consider the following:
- (1) City boundaries and the area within three miles surrounding any city with more than one district in the area;
- (2) available capacity of districts involved in the territory transfer to serve existing or additional students;
 - (3) condition and age of buildings and physical plant;
- 32 (4) overall costs including renovation of existing buildings versus construction;
 - (5) cost of bussing;
 - (6) food service;
 - (7) administration and teachers:
 - (8) areas of interest including access and distances for parents to travel to participate in student activities;
- 39 (9) matters of commerce, including regular shopping areas, meeting places, community activities and youth activities;
 - (10) districts that are landlocked with changing demographics that cause declining enrollment; and
 - (11) effect on students living in the area.

The foregoing shall not be deemed to limit the factors which the state board of education may consider.

- (e) Within 90 days after receiving an agreement or, if a public hearing is held, within 90 days after the hearing, the state board of education shall issue its order either approving or disapproving such transfer petition or agreement, or approving the same with such amendments as it deems appropriate.
- (f) Whenever a petition for transfer of territory has been denied by the state board of education, no petition for transfer of substantially the same territory shall be received or considered by the state board of education for a period of two years.
- Sec. 10. K.S.A. 72-8213b is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8213b. (a) As used in this section, "school building" means any building or structure operated or maintained by the board of education of a unified school district.
- (b) The board of education of any unified school district, by adoption of a resolution, may close any school building at any time the board determines that the building should be closed to improve the school system of the unified school district. The board of education may close more than one school building in one resolution. A resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall require a majority vote of the members of the board of education and shall require no other approval.
- (c) Prior to adopting a resolution closing any school building, the board of education shall call and hold a hearing on the proposal. The notice of such hearing shall include the reasons for the proposed closing, the name of any affected building and the name of any school building to which the involved pupils shall be reassigned. Such notice also shall include the time, date and place of the public hearing to be held on the proposal. Such notice shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The last publication shall be at least 10 but not more than 20 days prior to the date of the public hearing.

At such hearing, the board shall hear testimony as to the advisability of the proposed closing, and a representative of the board shall present the board's proposal for such closing. Following the public hearing, or any continuation of such hearing, and after considering all of the testimony and evidence presented or submitted at the public hearing, the board shall determine whether the school building should be closed to improve the school system of the unified school district.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-8801 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8801. (a) The board of education of any school district may make an annual tax levy at a mill rate not to exceed the statutorily

1 2 3 4 5 6	taxable tangible property in the school district for the purposes specified in this act and for the purpose of paying a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, for the financing of redevelopment projects upon property located within the school district. No levy shall be made under
7	this act until a resolution is adopted by the board of education in the
8	following form:
9 10	Unified School District No, County, Kansas.
11	RESOLUTION County, Kansas.
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43	Clerk of the board of education.

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All of the blanks in the above resolution shall be appropriately filled. The blank preceding the word "years" shall be filled with a specific number, and the blank preceding the word "mills" shall be filled with a specific number, and no word shall be inserted in either of the blanks. The resolution shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district *or shall comply* with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. If no petition as specified above is filed in accordance with the provisions of the resolution, the board of education may make the tax levy specified in the resolution. If a petition is filed as provided in the resolution, the board of education may notify the county election officer of the date of an election to be held to submit the question of whether the tax levy shall be authorized. If the board of education fails to notify the county election officer within 60 calendar days after a petition is filed, the resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be adopted by the board of education within the nine months following the first publication of the resolution.

- (b) As used in this act:
- (1) "Unconditionally authorized to make a capital outlay tax levy" means that the school district has adopted a resolution under this section, has published the same, and either that the resolution was not protested or that it was protested and an election has been held by which the tax levy specified in the resolution was approved;
- (2) "statutorily prescribed mill rate" means: (A) Eight mills; (B) the mill levy rate in excess of eight mills if the resolution fixing such rate was approved at an election prior to the effective date of this act; or (C) the mill levy rate in excess of eight mills if no petition or no sufficient petition was filed in protest to a resolution fixing such rate in excess of eight mills and the protest period for filing such petition has expired;
- (3) "asbestos control project" means any activity which is necessary or incidental to the control of asbestos-containing material in buildings of school districts and includes, but not by way of limitation, any activity undertaken for the removal or encapsulation of asbestos-containing material, for any remodeling, renovation, replacement, rehabilitation or other restoration necessitated by such removal or encapsulation, for conducting inspections, reinspections and periodic surveillance of buildings, performing response actions, and developing, implementing and updating operations and maintenance programs and management plans;
- (4) "asbestos" means the asbestiform varieties of chrysotile (serpentine), crocidolite (riebeckite), amosite (cummingtonitegrunerite), anthophyllite, tremolite, and actinolite; and
 - (5) "asbestos-containing material" means any material or product

which contains more than 1% asbestos.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 75-2317 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-2317. The board of education of any school district may make application upon its own motion to the state board of education for the additional authority provided for in K.S.A. 75-2316, and amendments thereto, and shall make such an application upon being presented with a petition, signed by not less than 51% of the qualified electors of the school district, requesting the making of such an application. Notice of the intention to make such an application shall be given to the electors by a publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, in a form to be prescribed by the state board of education. The state board of education may adopt rules and regulations necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this act, including rules in relation to the evidence required in support of the application and the method of furnishing such evidence.

- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 79-2001 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2001. (a) As soon as the county treasurer receives the tax roll of the county, the treasurer shall enter in a column opposite the description of each tract or parcel of land the amount of unpaid taxes and the date of unredeemed sales, if any, for previous years on such land. The treasurer shall-eause a notice to be published publish a notice in the official county paper, once each week for three consecutive weeks or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, stating in the notice the amount of taxes charged for state, county, township, school, city or other purposes for that year, on each \$1,000 of valuation.
- (b) Each year after receipt of the tax roll from the county clerk and before December 15, the treasurer shall mail to each taxpayer, as shown by the rolls, a tax statement which indicates the taxing unit, assessed value of real and personal property, the mill levy and tax due. In addition, with respect to land devoted to agricultural use, such statement shall indicate the acreage and description of each parcel of such land. The tax statement shall also indicate separately each parcel of real property which is separately classified for property tax purposes. The county appraiser shall provide the information necessary for the county treasurer to comply with the provisions of this section. The tax statement also may include the intangible tax due the county. All items may be on one statement or may be shown on separate statements and may be on a form prescribed by the county treasurer. The statement shall be mailed to the last known address of the taxpayer or to a designee authorized by the taxpayer to accept the tax statement, if the designee has an interest in receiving the statement. When any statement is returned to the county treasurer for failure to find the addressee, the treasurer shall make a diligent effort to find a forwarding address of the taxpayer and mail the statement to the new

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address. All tax statements mailed pursuant to this section shall be mailed by first-class mail. The requirement for mailing a tax statement shall extend only to the initial statement required to be mailed in each year and to any follow-up required by this section.

(c) For tax year 1998, and all tax years thereafter, after receipt of the tax roll from the county clerk and before December 15, the treasurer shall mail to each taxpayer, as shown by the tax rolls, a tax information form which indicates the taxing unit, assessed value of real property for the current and next preceding taxable year, the mill levy for the current and next preceding taxable year and, in the case of unified school districts, the mill levy required by K.S.A. 72-6431, and amendments thereto, shall be separately indicated, the tax due and an itemization of each taxing unit's mill levy for the current and next preceding taxable year and the percentage change in the amount of revenue produced therefrom, if any. In addition, with respect to land devoted to agricultural use, such form shall indicate the acreage and description of each parcel of such land. The tax information form shall also indicate separately each parcel of real property which is separately classified for property tax purposes. The county appraiser shall provide the information necessary for the county treasurer to comply with the provisions of this section. The tax information form may be separate from the tax statement or a part of the tax statement. The tax information form shall be in a format prescribed by the director of property valuation. The tax information form shall be mailed to the last known address of the taxpayer. When a tax information form is returned to the county treasurer for failure to find the addressee, the treasurer shall make a diligent effort to find a forwarding address of the taxpayer and mail the tax information form to the new address. All tax information forms mailed pursuant to this section shall be mailed by first class mail.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 79-2303 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2303. (a) The county treasurer shall cause the notice and list prepared under K.S.A. 79-2302, and amendments thereto, to be published *pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, or* in the official county newspaper or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 64-101, and amendments thereto. The notice and list shall be submitted to the newspaper *or website pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto,* on or before August 1 of each year and shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks *in the newspaper or pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto,* immediately prior to the week when the day of sale will occur. The county treasurer also shall cause a copy of the list and notice to be posted in some conspicuous place in the county treasurer's office. The cost of publication of the notice and list shall be paid from the general fund of the county, and a \$15 fee for each tract or lot shall be added to the tax due for the tract or lot as part of the costs of

collection. The fee shall be collected in the manner provided for the collection of the unpaid taxes.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 79-2322 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2322. If any county treasurer shall unavoidably omit or fail to sell any real estate for unpaid taxes on the first Tuesday of September, he or she shall advertise and sell such real estate on the fourth Monday of October next ensuing, and such advertisement and sale shall conform in all respects to the provisions of this act, and shall be as binding and valid as if such sale had been made on the first Tuesday of September. If any real estate on which the taxes shall not have been paid has been advertised as provided by law, and has not been sold to the county by reason of any injunction or judicial proceeding, after such injunction shall have been dissolved it shall only be necessary for the county treasurer to cause to be published in some newspaper of general circulation in his or her such treasurer's county or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, a notice stating that such real estate was not sold, by reason of such injunction; and such real estate shall be sold to the county at such time and place as shall therein be specified, which time shall not be less than ten 10 days from the date of publication, said the sale to be conducted in the same manner as herein provided for the sale of other real estate for delinquent taxes

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 79-2323a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2323a. In all cases where the collection of any tax has been enjoined, prior to the publication of the notice of sale of real estate for delinquent taxes, and the injunction shall be dissolved, the county treasurer shall proceed to sell to the county the real estate upon which such tax was charged, first giving two weeks notice thereof by publishing once each week for two consecutive weeks immediately prior to the date fixed for the sale in some newspaper of general circulation in-said the county, or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, a notice stating the time and place of the sale and the amount of-said the taxes; said, the sale and proceedings to be conducted in the same manner as prescribed by this act for the sale of real estate for delinquent taxes.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2804. After the rendition of such judgment there shall be issued by the clerk of the district court to the sheriff of the county an execution or order of sale, which shall describe each tract, lot or piece of real estate mentioned and described in such judgment or decree, on which the lien has not been paid, with the amount of lien charged to each tract, lot or piece of real estate and the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings and sale chargeable to each piece, lot or tract, in such amount as the court may order. If no order is made, then a sum equal to 5% of the amount set forth in the petition as the lien for taxes, charges, interest and

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42 43 penalties chargeable to each tract, lot or piece of real estate, with the name of the ascertained owner thereof, as disclosed by the judgment or decree, with the command to advertise and sell the real estate described therein. Such order of sale shall be delivered to the sheriff of the county, who shall thereupon cause notice of sale to be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in some newspaper of general circulation in the county, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 64-101, and amendments thereto, or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto. The notice shall describe each tract, lot or piece of real estate to be sold and the lien for which it is to be sold, as determined by the judgment of the court and fix the date of sale, which shall not be less than 30 days from the date of the first publication. The notice shall state that the sale will be held at the front door of the courthouse in the county or shall identify some other location in the county where the sale will be held, as selected by the chief judge of the judicial district in which the county is located.

On the day fixed for the sale by such notice, the sheriff shall offer each such tract, lot or piece of real estate for sale, separately, and the same shall be sold at public auction for the highest and best bid obtainable therefor. The sheriff may employ an auctioneer for such reasonable compensation as may be determined by the court, to be allowed as a part of the costs and expenses of the proceedings and sale. The sheriff or such other person as may be authorized by the board of county commissioners, if directed by the county commissioners, may bid at such sale in the name of the county such amount as the county commissioners authorize. No bid in behalf of such county shall be accepted in excess of the amount of the judgment lien and interest thereon, as provided by law, plus the costs, charges and expenses of the proceedings and sale as set forth in the execution or order of sale. If the county is the successful bidder the costs, charges and expenses of the proceeding and sale set forth in the execution and order of sale shall be paid by the county to the clerk of the district court and charged to the county general fund. If such sale, for want of time, cannot be completed on the day fixed by the notice, it may be adjourned from day to day until completed.

The sheriff shall make return to the clerk and the same, as soon as practicable, shall be examined by the court, and if found by the court to be regular, it shall be confirmed, and the sheriff ordered to forthwith execute to the purchasers at such sale a good and sufficient deed therefor.

If one person or the county purchases more than one tract, lot or piece of real estate, the same may be included in one deed. The deed shall be executed by the sheriff and acknowledged before the clerk of the district court. No particular form of deed shall be required. It shall be sufficient if it shows the date of sale, a description of the property conveyed, the

amount for which each tract, lot or piece of real estate was sold, the name of the purchaser, the date such sale was confirmed by the court and the title of the suit in which the tax lien was foreclosed. The deed shall be filed for record, by the sheriff at the time the deed is executed, in the office of the register of deeds of the county where such real estate is situated. Any fee or charge for such filing shall be collected from the successful bidder at the time of sale and deposited with the register of deeds at the time of recording. When the deed is filed it shall vest in the purchaser or grantee therein named, as against all persons, including, but not limited to, corporations and municipal corporations, parties to such proceedings, a fee simple title thereto, subject only to valid covenants running with the land and valid easement of record in use and subject to taxes and interest which have become a lien thereon, subsequent to the date upon which such judgment was rendered. Such deed shall be prima facie evidence of the regularity of all proceedings prior to the date of filing the same for record.

After the sale and confirmation thereof by the court, an execution shall issue, upon praccipe of the county attorney, county counselor or the purchaser, requiring the officer to deliver possession of the real estate, particularly describing it, to the parties entitled thereto, including the county. When the deed is executed to the county by the sheriff, it shall be filed for record forthwith in the office of the register of deeds. Thereupon the assessed valuation of such real estate shall be eliminated from the assessment and tax rolls until such time as such real estate is sold as provided by K.S.A. 79-2804f, and amendments thereto.

- Sec. 18. K.S.A. 79-2804f is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2804f. (a) The county commissioners shall keep a record of all real estate acquired by the county under the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2804, and amendments thereto, showing: The case by name, title and number, together with the date of filing of the petition and of the sale and identifying the tract, lot or piece of real estate described therein; the amount of judgment lien and the amount set forth in the order of sale of the charges, costs and expenses of the proceeding and sale paid by the county. Such record shall upon request be open to inspection at all reasonable times.
- (b) Except as provided by subsection (c), such real estate shall be sold by the board of county commissioners of the county at private or public sale for cash in hand; the consideration for the purchase to be at least the original amount of the judgment lien and interest thereon as provided by law, plus the amount of costs set forth in the order of sale and plus any and all subsequent taxes and special assessments on such real estate that were not included in such judgment. If in the discretion of the board of county commissioners it is deemed necessary to prevent a menace to the public health or welfare, or that repair or rehabilitation of any structures thereon

would be economically unsound, the board may remove or cause to be removed any such improvements upon any property acquired by the county under the provisions of this act. The board of county commissioners may sell all or any of the salvaged materials therefrom at public or private sale, and after first deducting the cost of such removal, shall credit the remainder of such proceeds to the county general fund. Any deficiency shall be charged to such general fund.

If, at the end of six months from and after the confirmation of the sale to the county to any of the real estate, any of the real estate remains unsold, the board of county commissioners may reduce the price therefor and sell the same after first advertising the same once each week for three consecutive weeks in the county describing the real estate, giving the location thereof and requesting sealed bids therefor on or before a specified date and the board shall accept the highest cash bid received. The board of county commissioners may reject bids in an amount less than the current market value of the real estate and if no bid is accepted or received. such board may sell the same for such sum that, in the board's judgment, would be the market value thereof, but no such sale shall be made for an amount less than the best bid received, if any, and rejected. The board of county commissioners, at any time after the end of six months from and after the confirmation of the sale to the county and after advertising such real estate at least three times in the official county paper and such other papers as the board shall direct, or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, describing the same, giving the general location thereof, and the time and place of sale, may sell such real estate at public auction for cash in hand to the highest bidder therefor.

All real estate sold by the county as provided in this subsection shall be conveyed to the purchaser by a good and sufficient deed by the county clerk of the county upon a written order from the board of county commissioners. Such order shall be deemed conclusive evidence of the compliance with this section in any action challenging the validity of such deed. Immediately upon the execution of any such deed, the county clerk shall assess the real estate so conveyed and enter the valuation thereof on the assessment and tax rolls.

(c) Any property acquired by the board of county commissioners pursuant to K.S.A. 79-2804, and amendments thereto, may be transferred to the county land bank as provided by K.S.A. 1997 Supp. 19-26,108, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2925b. (a) Without a majority vote so providing, the governing body of any municipality shall not approve any appropriation or budget, as the case requires, which may be funded by revenue produced from property taxes, and which provides for funding with such revenue in an

 amount exceeding that of the next preceding year, adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States department of labor for the preceding calendar year. If the total tangible property valuation in any municipality increases from the next preceding year due to increases in the assessed valuation of existing tangible property and such increase exceeds changes in the consumer price index, the governing body shall lower the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied to the amount of ad valorem tax levied in the next preceding year, adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index. This subsection shall not apply to ad valorem taxes levied under K.S.A. 72-6431, 76-6b01 and 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and any other ad valorem tax levy which was previously approved by the voters of such municipality. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, nothing herein shall prohibit a municipality from increasing the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied if the municipality approves the increase with a majority vote of the governing body and publishes such vote as provided in subsection (c).

- (b) Revenue that, in the current year, is produced and attributable to the taxation of:
 - (1) New improvements to real property;
- (2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes;
 - (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory; or
- (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property has increased from the next preceding year.
- (c) In the event the governing body votes to approve any appropriation or budget, as the case requires, which may be funded by revenue produced from property taxes, and which provides for funding with such revenue in an amount exceeding that of the next preceding year as provided in subsection (a), notice of such vote shall be published in the official county newspaper of the county where such municipality is located or shall comply with the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.
- (d) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all fiscal and budget years commencing on and after the effective date of this act.
- (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to revenue received from property tax levied for the sole purpose of repayment of the principal of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes and no-fund warrants.
- (f) For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any political subdivision of the state which levies an ad valorem tax on property and includes, but is not limited to, any county, township, municipal university, school district, community college, drainage district or other taxing district. "Municipality" shall not include any such political subdivision or

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25 26 taxing district which receives \$1,000 or less in revenue from property taxes in the current year.

3 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 79-2929 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2929. Prior to the filing of the adopted budget with the county clerk, the 4 5 governing body of each taxing or political subdivision or municipality 6 shall meet for the purpose of answering and hearing objections of 7 taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for the purpose of 8 considering amendments to such proposed budget. The governing body 9 shall give at least 10 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting by publication in a weekly or daily newspaper of the county having a general 10 11 circulation therein or by complying with the provisions of section 1, and 12 amendments thereto. Such notice shall include the proposed budget and shall set out all essential items in the budget except such groupings as 13 14 designated by the director of accounts and reports on a special publication 15 form prescribed by the director of accounts and reports and furnished with 16 the regular budget form. The notice of a governing body of any taxing 17 subdivision or municipality having an annual expenditure of \$500 or less 18 shall specify the time and place of the meeting required by this section but 19 shall not be required to include the proposed budget of such taxing 20 subdivision or municipality.

21 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 10-120, 10-1116c, 12-1651, 25-2018, 25-2022, 64-22 101, 72-2138, 72-7108, 72-8213b, 75-2317, 79-2001, 79-2303, 79-2322, 79-2323a, 79-2804f and 79-2929 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433, 72-24 8801, 79-2804 and 79-2925b are hereby repealed.

Sec. 22. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.