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HOUSE BILL No. 2110

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT concerning income taxation; relating to apportionment of
 business income; allowing sales factor for certain taxpayers; election;
 requiring the secretary of revenue to report to the legislature; amending
 K.S.A. 79-3271 and 79-3279 and repealing the existing sections.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 79-3271 is hereby amended to read as follows: 798 3271. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

9 (a) For tax years commencing prior to January 1, 2008, "business 10 income" means income arising from transactions and activity in the regular 11 course of the taxpayer's trade or business and includes income from 12 tangible and intangible property if the acquisition, management, and 13 disposition of the property constitute integral parts of the taxpayer's regular trade or business operations, except that a taxpayer may elect that 14 all income constitutes business income. For tax years commencing after 15 16 December 31, 2007, "business income" means: (1) Income arising from transactions and activity in the regular course of the taxpayer's trade or 17 business; (2) income arising from transactions and activity involving 18 19 tangible and intangible property or assets used in the operation of the 20 taxpayer's trade or business; or (3) income of the taxpayer that may be 21 apportioned to this state under the provisions of the Constitution of the 22 United States and laws thereof, except that a taxpayer may elect that all 23 income constitutes business income. Any election made under this 24 subsection shall be effective and irrevocable for the tax year in which the 25 election is made and the following nine tax years and shall be binding on 26 all members of a unitary group of corporations.

(b) "Commercial domicile" means the principal place from which thetrade or business of the taxpayer is directed or managed.

(c) "Compensation" means wages, salaries, commissions and anyother form of remuneration paid to employees for personal services.

(d) "Financial organization" means any bank, trust company, savings
bank, industrial bank, land bank, safe deposit company, private banker,
savings and loan association, credit union, cooperative bank, or any type
of insurance company, but such term shall not be deemed to include any
business entity, other than those hereinbefore enumerated, whose primary
business activity is making consumer loans or purchasing retail installment

1 contracts from one or more sellers.

2 (e) "Nonbusiness income" means all income other than business 3 income.

4 (f) "Public utility" means any business entity which owns or operates 5 for public use any plant, equipment, property, franchise, or license for the 6 transmission of communications, transportation of goods or persons, or the 7 production, storage, transmission, sale, delivery, or furnishing of 8 electricity, water, steam, oil, oil products or gas.

9 (g) "Original return" means the first return filed to report the income 10 of a taxpayer for a taxable year or period, irrespective of whether such 11 return is filed on a single entity basis or a combined basis.

(h) "Sales" means, except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 79-3285,
and amendments thereto, all gross receipts of the taxpayer not allocated
under K.S.A. 79-3274 through 79-3278, and amendments thereto.

(i) "State" means any state of the United States, the District of
Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession
of the United States, and any foreign country or political subdivision
thereof.

(j) "Telecommunications company" means any business entity or
 unitary group of entities whose primary business activity is the
 transmission of communications in the form of voice, data, signals or
 facsimile communications by wire or fiber optic cable.

(k) "Distressed area taxpayer" means a corporation which: (1) Is
located in a county which has a population of not more than 45,000
persons and which, as certified by the department of commerce, has
sustained an adverse economic impact due to the closure of a state hospital
in such county pursuant to the recommendations of the hospital closure
commission; and (2) which has a total annual payroll of \$20,000,000 or
more for employees employed within such county.

(l) For the purposes of this subsection and subsection (b)(5) of K.S.A.
79-3279(b)(5), and amendments thereto, the following terms are defined:

(1) "Administration services" include clerical, fund or shareholder
accounting, participant record keeping, transfer agency, bookkeeping, data
processing, custodial, internal auditing, legal and tax services performed
for an investment company;

36 (2) "distribution services" include the services of advertising, 37 servicing, marketing, underwriting or selling shares of an investment 38 company, but, in the case of advertising, servicing or marketing shares, 39 only where such service is performed by a person who is, or in the case of 40 a closed end company, was, either engaged in the services of underwriting 41 or selling investment company shares or affiliated with a person who is 42 engaged in the service of underwriting or selling investment company 43 shares. In the case of an open end company, such service of underwriting

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or selling shares must be performed pursuant to a contract entered into
 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-15(b), as in effect on the effective date of this
 act;

4 (3) "investment company", means any person registered under the 5 federal Investment Company Act of 1940, as in effect on the effective date 6 of this act, or a company which would be required to register as an 7 investment company under such act except that such person is exempt to 8 such registration pursuant to § 80a-3(c)(1) of such act;

9 (4) "investment funds service corporation" includes any corporation 10 or S corporation headquartered in and doing business in this state which 11 derives more than 50% of its gross income from the provision of 12 management, distribution or administration services to or on behalf of an 13 investment company or from trustees, sponsors and participants of 14 employee benefit plans which have accounts in an investment company;

15 (5) "management services" include the rendering of investment 16 advice to an investment company making determinations as to when sales 17 and purchases of securities are to be made on behalf of the investment 18 company, or the selling or purchasing of securities constituting assets of an 19 investment company, and related activities, but only where such activity or 20 activities are performed:

(A) Pursuant to a contract with the investment company entered into
pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 80a-15(a), in effect on the effective date of this
act; or

24 (B) for a person that has entered into such contract with the 25 investment company;

(6) "qualifying business income" is business income derived from the
provision of management, distribution or administration services to or on
behalf of an investment company or from trustees, sponsors and
participants of employee benefit plans which have accounts in an
investment company; and

(7) "residence" is the fund shareholder's primary residence address.

32 (m) As used in this subsection and K.S.A. 79-3279(b)(7), and 33 amendments thereto:

(1) "Agricultural activities" means all commercial enterprises
 identified under the following North American industry classification
 system (NAICS) codes:

(A) 423820, farm and garden machinery and equipment merchant
 wholesalers;

39 (B) 4245, farm product raw material merchant wholesalers;

40 (C) 424910, farm supplies merchant wholesalers;

41 (D) 493130, farm product warehousing and storage; or

42 *(E) 112210, hog and pig farming;*

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43 (2) "manufacturing" means all commercial enterprises identified

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under the North American industry classification system (NAICS) sectors
 31 through 33;

3 (3) "production of electricity" means all commercial enterprises 4 identified under the North American industry classification system 5 (NAICS) industry codes 221114 and 221115;

6 (4) "storage of electricity" means storing electric energy for a period 7 of time using commercially available technology that is capable of storing 8 electric energy by chemical, thermal, mechanical or other means and then 9 delivering energy after storage;

(5) other scientific and technical consulting services for a biofuel
 facility identified under the North American industry classification system
 (NAICS) industry code 541690;

(6) petroleum and petroleum products merchant wholesalers
identified under the North American industry classification system
(NAICS) industry code 424720;

(7) paper and paper product merchant wholesalers identified under
the North American industry classification system (NAICS) industry code
4241; and

(8) wireless telecommunications carriers, except satellite, identified
 under the North American industry classification system (NAICS) industry
 code 517112.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-3279 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-23 3279. (a) All business income of railroads and interstate motor carriers of 24 persons or property for-hire shall be apportioned to this state by 25 multiplying the business income by a fraction, in the case of railroads, the numerator of which is the freight car miles in this state and the 26 denominator of which is the freight car miles everywhere, and, in the case 27 28 of interstate motor carriers, the numerator of which is the total number of 29 miles operated in this state and the denominator of which is the total 30 number of miles operated everywhere.

(b) All business income of any other taxpayer shall be apportioned tothis state by one of the following methods:

(1) By multiplying the business income by a fraction, the numerator
of which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus the sales factor,
and the denominator of which is three; or

36 (2) at the election of a qualifying taxpayer, by multiplying the
37 business income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property
38 factor plus the sales factor, and the denominator of which is two.

(A) For purposes of this subsection (b)(2), a qualifying taxpayer is any taxpayer whose payroll factor for a taxable year exceeds 200% of the average of the property factor and the sales factor. Whenever two or more corporations are engaged in a unitary business and required to file a combined report, the fraction comparison provided by this subsection (b)

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(2) shall be calculated by using the payroll factor, property factor and sales
 factor of the combined group of unitary corporations.

(B) An election under this subsection (b)(2) shall be made by 3 4 including a statement with the original tax return indicating that the 5 taxpayer elects to apply the apportionment method under this subsection 6 (b)(2). The election shall be effective and irrevocable for the taxable year 7 of the election and the following nine taxable years. The election shall be 8 binding on all members of a unitary group of corporations. 9 Notwithstanding the above provisions of this paragraph, the secretary of revenue may upon the request of the taxpayer, grant permission to 10 terminate the election under this subsection (b)(2) prior to expiration of the 11 12 ten-year 10-year period.

(3) At the election of a qualifying telecommunications company, by multiplying the business income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the information carrying capacity of wire and fiber optic cable available for use in this state, and the denominator of which is the information carrying capacity of wire and fiber optic cable available for use everywhere during the tax year.

(A) For purposes of this subsection (b)(3), a qualifying
telecommunications company is a telecommunications company that is a
qualifying taxpayer under paragraph (A) of subsection (b)(2).

(B) A qualifying telecommunications company shall make the
election under this subsection (b)(3) in the same manner as provided under
paragraph (B) of subsection (b)(2).

25 (4) At the election of a distressed area taxpaver, by multiplying the business income by the sales factor. The election shall be made by 26 including a statement with the original tax return indicating that the 27 28 taxpayer elects to apply this apportionment method. The election may be 29 made only once, it must be made on or before December 31, 1999 and it 30 shall be effective for the taxable year of the election and the following nine 31 taxable years for so long as the taxpayer maintains the payroll amount 32 prescribed by subsection (j) of K.S.A. 79-3271, and amendments thereto.

33 (5) At the election of the taxpayer made at the time of filing of the 34 original return, the qualifying business income of any investment funds 35 service corporation organized as a corporation or S corporation which 36 maintains its primary headquarters and operations or is a branch facility 37 that employs at least 100 individuals on a full-time equivalent basis in this 38 state and has any investment company fund shareholders residenced in this 39 state shall be apportioned to this state as provided in this subsection, as 40 follows:

(A) By multiplying the investment funds service corporation's
qualifying business income from administration, distribution and
management services provided to each investment company by a fraction,

1 the numerator of which shall be the average of the number of shares 2 owned by the investment company's fund shareholders residenced in this 3 state at the beginning of and at the end of the investment company's 4 taxable year that ends with or within the investment funds service 5 corporation's taxable year, and the denominator of which shall be the 6 average of the number of shares owned by the investment company's fund 7 shareholders everywhere at the beginning of and at the end of the 8 investment company's taxable year that ends with or within the investment 9 funds service corporation's taxable year.

10 (B) A separate computation shall be made to determine the qualifying 11 business income from each fund of each investment company. The 12 qualifying business income from each investment company shall be 13 multiplied by the fraction calculated pursuant to paragraph (A) for each 14 fund of such investment company.

(C) The qualifying portion of total business income of an investment 15 funds service corporation shall be determined by multiplying such total 16 17 business income by a fraction, the numerator of which is the gross receipts 18 from the provision of management, distribution and administration 19 services to or on behalf of an investment company, and the denominator of 20 which is the gross receipts of the investment funds service company. To 21 the extent an investment funds service corporation has business income 22 that is not qualifying business income, such business income shall be 23 apportioned to this state pursuant to subsection (b)(1).

(D) For tax year 2002, the tax liability of an investment funds service corporation that has elected to apportion its business income pursuant to paragraph (5) shall be increased by an amount equal to 50% of the difference of the amount of such tax liability if determined pursuant to subsection (b)(1) less the amount of such tax liability determined with regard to paragraph (5).

30 (E) When an investment funds service corporation is part of a unitary 31 group, the business income of the unitary group attributable to the 32 investment funds service corporation shall be determined by multiplying 33 the business income of the unitary group by a fraction, the numerator of 34 which is the property factor plus the payroll factor plus the sales factor, and the denominator of which is three. The property factor is a fraction, 35 36 the numerator of which is the average value of the investment funds 37 service corporation's real and tangible personal property owned or rented 38 and used during the tax period and the denominator of which is the 39 average value of the unitary group's real and tangible personal property 40 owned or rented and used during the tax period. The payroll factor is a 41 fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid during the tax period by the investment funds service corporation for compensation, and 42 43 the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the unitary

group during the tax period. The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of
 which is the total sales of the investment funds service corporation during
 the tax period, and the denominator of which is the total sales of the
 unitary group during the tax period.

5 (F) A taxpayer seeking to make the election available pursuant to 6 subsection (b)(5) of K.S.A. 79-3279, and amendments thereto, shall only 7 be eligible to continue to make such election if the taxpayer maintains at 8 least 95% of the Kansas employees in existence at the time the taxpayer 9 first makes such an election.

10 (6) At the election of a qualifying taxpayer, by multiplying such taxpayer's business income by the sales factor. The election shall be made 11 by including a statement with the original tax return indicating that the 12 taxpayer elects to apply this apportionment method. The election may be 13 14 made only once and must be made on or before the last day of the taxable 15 year during which the investment described in paragraph (A) is placed in 16 service, but not later than December 31, 2009, and it shall be effective for 17 the taxable year of the election and the following nine taxable years or for 18 so long as the taxpayer maintains the wage requirements set forth in 19 paragraph (A). If the qualifying taxpayer is a member of a unitary group of 20 corporations, all other members of the unitary group doing business within 21 this state shall apportion their business income to this state pursuant to 22 subsection (b)(1).

23 (A) For purposes of this subsection, a qualifying taxpayer is any 24 taxpayer making an investment of \$100,000,000 for construction in 25 Kansas of a new business facility identified under the North American industry classification system (NAICS) subsectors of 31-33, as assigned 26 27 by the secretary of the department of labor, employing 100 or more new 28 employees at such facility after July 1, 2007, and prior to December 31, 29 2009, and meeting the following requirements for paying such employees 30 higher-than-average wages within the wage region for such facility:

(i) The taxpayer's new Kansas business facility with 500 or fewer
full-time equivalent employees will provide an average wage that is above
the average wage paid by all Kansas business facilities that share the same
assigned NAICS category used to develop wage thresholds and that have
reported 500 or fewer employees to the Kansas department of labor on the
quarterly wage reports;

(ii) the taxpayer's new Kansas business facility with 500 or fewer
full-time equivalent employees is the sole facility within its assigned
NAICS category that has reported wages for 500 or fewer employees to
the Kansas department of labor on the quarterly wage reports;

41 (iii) the taxpayer's new Kansas business facility with more than 500
42 full-time equivalent employees will provide an average wage that is above
43 the average wage paid by all Kansas business facilities that share the same

assigned NAICS category used to develop wage thresholds and that have
 reported more than 500 employees to the Kansas department of labor on
 the quarterly wage reports;

(iv) the taxpayer's new Kansas business facility with more than 500 4 full-time equivalent employees is the sole facility within its assigned 5 6 NAICS category that has reported wages for more than 500 employees to 7 the Kansas department of labor on the quarterly wage reports, in which 8 event it shall either provide an average wage that is above the average 9 wage paid by all Kansas business facilities that share the same assigned NAICS category and that have reported wages for 500 or fewer employees 10 to the Kansas department of labor on the quarterly wage reports, or be the 11 12 sole Kansas business facility within its assigned NAICS category that has reported wages to the Kansas department of labor on the quarterly wage 13 14 reports:

(v) the number of NAICS digits to use in developing each set of wage
 thresholds for comparison purposes shall be determined by the secretary of
 commerce;

(vi) the composition of wage regions used in connection with each setof wage thresholds shall be determined by the secretary of commerce; and

(vii) alternatively, a taxpayer may wage-qualify its new Kansas 20 21 business facility if, after excluding the headcount and wages reported on 22 the quarterly wage reports to the Kansas department of labor for 23 employees at that new Kansas business facility who own five percent or more equity in the taxpayer, the average wage calculated for the taxpayer's 24 25 new Kansas business facility is greater than or equal to 1.5 times the aggregate state-wide average wage paid by industries covered by the 26 27 employment security law based on data maintained by the secretary of 28 labor.

(B) For the purposes of the wage requirements in paragraph (A), the number of full-time equivalent employees shall be determined by dividing the number of hours worked by part-time employees during the pertinent measurement interval by an amount equal to the corresponding multiple of a 40-hour work week and adding the quotient to the average number of full-time employees.

35 (C) When the qualifying taxpayer is part of a unitary group, the 36 business income of the unitary group attributable to the qualifying 37 taxpayer shall be determined by multiplying the business income of the 38 unitary group by a fraction, the numerator of which is the property factor 39 plus the payroll factor plus the sales factor, and the denominator of which is three. The property factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the 40 41 average value of the qualifying taxpayer's real and tangible personal property owned or rented and used during the tax period and the 42 43 denominator of which is the average value of the unitary group's real and

1 tangible personal property owned or rented and used during the tax period.

The payroll factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total amount paid during the tax period by the qualifying taxpayer for compensation, and the denominator of which is the total compensation paid by the unitary group during the tax period. The sales factor is a fraction, the numerator of which is the total sales of the qualifying taxpayer during the tax period, and the denominator of which is the total sales of the unitary group during the tax period.

9 (D) For purposes of this subsection, the secretary of revenue, upon a 10 showing of good cause and after receiving a certification by the secretary 11 of commerce of substantial compliance with provisions of this subsection 12 (b)(6), may extend any required performance date provided in this 13 subsection (b)(6) for a period not to exceed six months.

14 (7) (A) At the election of a qualifying taxpayer, by multiplying such 15 taxpayer's business income by the sales factor.

16 *(B)* For purposes of this paragraph, a qualifying taxpayer is any 17 taxpayer whose principal business activity in the state is:

18 *(i) Manufacturing as defined in K.S.A.* 79-3271(*m*)(2), and 19 *amendments thereto;*

(ii) production of electricity or storage of electricity as defined in
 K.S.A. 79-3271(m)(3) and (4), and amendments thereto;

(iii) certain agricultural activities as defined in K.S.A. 79-3271(m)
(1), and amendments thereto;

(iv) scientific and technical consulting services for a biofuel facility
 as provided in K.S.A. 79-3271(m)(5), and amendments thereto;

(v) wholesale distribution of petroleum products as provided in
 K.S.A. 79-3271(*m*)(6), and amendments thereto;

(vi) wholesale trade as provided in K.S.A. 79-3271(m)(7), and
 amendments thereto; and

(vii) wireless telecommunications carriers as provided in K.S.A. 79 3271(m)(8), and amendments thereto.

32 (C) An election under this paragraph shall be made by including a 33 statement with the original tax return for which the election is made, indicating that the taxpayer elects to apply this apportionment method. 34 35 The election shall be effective and irrevocable for the taxable year of the 36 election and the following nine taxable years. The election shall be 37 binding on all members of a unitary group of corporations. 38 Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, the secretary of revenue 39 may upon the request of the taxpayer, grant permission to terminate the election under this subsection (b)(7) prior to expiration of the 10-year 40 41 period.

42 (c) On or before March 1, 2028, the secretary of revenue shall submit 43 a written report to the house of representatives committee on taxation and

- 1 the senate committee on assessment and taxation concerning the use of the
- 2 election pursuant to subsection (b)(7) and the number of taxpayers that
- 3 have elected the sales factor apportionment in lieu of the standard
- 4 *apportionment provided by law.*
- 5 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 79-3271 and 79-3279 are hereby repealed.
- 6 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 7 publication in the statute book.