

SENATE BILL No. 207

AN ACT concerning certain municipalities relating to taxation and other matters; amending K.S.A. 79-2024 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1750 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 79-2102.

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

New Section 1. (a) Any county may accept credit or debit cards for the payment of any taxes, utility fees or other exactions. The county may establish the type of credit or debit card the county will accept. The county may set a fee to be added to each credit card transaction equal to the charge paid by the county for the use of the credit card by the person. If the county imposes a fee for payments made by credit card, the county shall provide notice of such fee to the person making payment by credit card.

(b) Any transaction involving payment by credit card pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 2. (a) The governing body of any school district the boundaries of which are located entirely within the corporate limits of a city that previously established a recreation system and the governing body of the city within which such school district is located may take joint action to initiate the conversion of the existing recreation system to a city recreation system by adopting a joint ordinance and resolution proposing to change the existing school district recreation system to a city recreation system and authorizing publication of a notice of intent to do so. Such notice of intent shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper, and, if within 30 days after the last publication of the notice a petition is signed by at least 5% of the qualified voters of the city requesting an election upon such question, an election shall be called and held thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by the general bond law, and the cost of the election shall be borne equally by the school district and the city. If no protest or no sufficient protest is filed or if an election is held and the proposition carries by a majority of those voting thereon, the governing bodies of the school district and the city, by joint resolution and ordinance, may provide for the conversion of the existing school district recreation system to a city recreation system effective as of the next succeeding July 1 subsequent to the publication of the notice of intent or the date of the election, whichever is later.

(b) The mill levy rate for a recreation commission established under subsection (a) shall not be subject to the one mill levy limitation for a new recreation system established in K.S.A. 12-1927, and amendments thereto.

(c) Any conversion of an existing school district recreation system to a city recreation system under subsection (a) shall provide for the transfer of the assets of the existing school district recreation system to the city recreation system, the assumption of the liabilities of the existing school district recreation system by the city recreation system and thereafter maintain and continue the operations of the city recreation system.

(d) In connection with the conversion of a school district recreation system to a city recreation system under subsection (a), the members of the school district recreation commission shall serve the balance of their respective terms in office as members of the city recreation commission and, upon the expiration thereof, the members of the city recreation commission shall be appointed by the governing body of the city.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 79-2024 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2024. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the county treasurer of every county may accept partial payment of delinquent real property tax or *personal property tax* in accordance with payment guidelines established therefor by the county treasurer. *Nothing in this section shall be construed to modify any consequences of untimely payment.*

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1750 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-1750. As used in this act:

(a) "Structure" means any building, wall or other structure.

(b) "Enforcing officer" means the building inspector or other officer designated by ordinance and charged with the administration of the provisions of this act.

(c) "Abandoned property" means:

(I) Any residential real estate for which taxes are delinquent for the

preceding two years and which has been unoccupied continuously by persons legally in possession for the preceding 90 days; or

(2) *commercial real estate for which the taxes are delinquent for the preceding two years and which has a blighting influence on surrounding properties. "Commercial real estate" means any real estate for which the present use is other than one to four residential units or for agricultural purposes.*

(d) *"Blighting influence" means conditions in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety or morals of the occupants of such buildings or other residents of the municipality or which have an adverse impact on properties in the area. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following: Defects increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities; air pollution; light or sanitary facilities; dilapidation; disrepair; structural defects; uncleanness; dead and dying trees, limbs or other unsightly natural growth or unsightly appearances that constitute a blight to adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city; walls, sidings or exteriors of a quality and appearance not commensurate with the character of the properties in the neighborhood; unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, trucks or automobiles or parts thereof; vermin infestation; inadequate drainage; or any violation of health, fire, building or zoning regulations.*

~~(d)~~(e) "Organization" means any nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of this state and which has among its purposes the improvement of housing.

~~(e)~~(f) "Rehabilitation" means the process of improving the property into compliance with applicable fire, housing and building codes.

~~(f)~~(g) "Parties in interest" means any owner or owners of record, judgment creditor, tax purchaser or other party having any legal or equitable title or interest in the property.

~~(g)~~(h) "Last known address" includes the address where the property is located, or the address as listed in the tax records.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 79-2024 and 79-2102 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 12-1750 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.