

HOUSE BILL No. 2196

By Committee on Energy and Utilities

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9 AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to property tax exemption for re-
10 newable energy resources and technologies; amending K.S.A. 2008
11 Supp. 79-201 and repealing the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 79-201 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 79-201. The following described property, to the extent herein
16 specified, shall be and is hereby exempt from all property or ad valorem
17 taxes levied under the laws of the state of Kansas:

18 *First.* All buildings used exclusively as places of public worship and
19 all buildings used exclusively by school districts and school district inter-
20 local cooperatives organized under the laws of this state, with the furni-
21 ture and books therein contained and used exclusively for the accom-
22 modation of religious meetings or for school district or school district
23 interlocal cooperative purposes, whichever is applicable, together with
24 the grounds owned thereby if not leased or otherwise used for the real-
25 ization of profit, except that: (a) (1) Any school building, or portion
26 thereof, together with the grounds upon which the building is located,
27 shall be considered to be used exclusively by the school district for the
28 purposes of this section when leased by the school district to any political
29 or taxing subdivision of the state, including a school district interlocal
30 cooperative, or to any association, organization or nonprofit corporation
31 entitled to tax exemption with respect to such property; and (2) any school
32 building, together with the grounds upon which the building is located,
33 shall be considered to be used exclusively by a school district interlocal
34 cooperative for the purposes of this section when being acquired pursuant
35 to a lease-purchase agreement; and (b) any building, or portion thereof,
36 used as a place of worship, together with the grounds upon which the
37 building is located, shall be considered to be used exclusively for the
38 religious purposes of this section when used as a not-for-profit day care
39 center for children which is licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-501 *et seq.*,
40 and amendments thereto, or when used to house an area where the con-
41 gregation of a church society and others may purchase tracts, books and
42 other items relating to the promulgation of the church society's religious
43 doctrines.

1 *Second.* All real property, and all tangible personal property, actually
2 and regularly used exclusively for literary, educational, scientific, relig-
3 ious, benevolent or charitable purposes, including property used exclu-
4 sively for such purposes by more than one agency or organization for one
5 or more of such exempt purposes. Except with regard to real property
6 which is owned by a religious organization, is to be used exclusively for
7 religious purposes and is not used for a nonexempt purpose prior to its
8 exclusive use for religious purposes which property shall be deemed to
9 be actually and regularly used exclusively for religious purposes for the
10 purposes of this paragraph, this exemption shall not apply to such prop-
11 erty, not actually used or occupied for the purposes set forth herein, nor
12 to such property held or used as an investment even though the income
13 or rentals received therefrom is used wholly for such literary, educational,
14 scientific, religious, benevolent or charitable purposes. In the event any
15 such property which has been exempted pursuant to the preceding sen-
16 tence is not used for religious purposes prior to its conveyance which
17 results in its use for nonreligious purposes, there shall be a recoupment
18 of property taxes in an amount equal to the tax which would have been
19 levied upon such property except for such exemption for all taxable years
20 for which such exemption was in effect. Such recoupment tax shall be-
21 come due and payable in such year as provided by K.S.A. 79-2004, and
22 amendments thereto. A lien for such taxes shall attach to the real property
23 subject to the same on November 1 in the year such taxes become due
24 and all such taxes remaining due and unpaid after the date prescribed for
25 the payment thereof shall be collected in the manner provided by law for
26 the collection of delinquent taxes. Moneys collected from the recoupment
27 tax hereunder shall be credited by the county treasurer to the several
28 taxing subdivisions within which such real property is located in the pro-
29 portion that the total tangible property tax levies made in the preceding
30 year for each such taxing subdivision bear to the total of all such levies
31 made in that year by all such taxing subdivisions. Such moneys shall be
32 credited to the general fund of the taxing subdivision or if such taxing
33 subdivision is making no property tax levy for the support of a general
34 fund such moneys may be credited to any other tangible property tax
35 fund of general application of such subdivision. This exemption shall not
36 be deemed inapplicable to property which would otherwise be exempt
37 pursuant to this paragraph because an agency or organization: (a) Is re-
38 imbursement for the provision of services accomplishing the purposes enu-
39 merated in this paragraph based upon the ability to pay by the recipient
40 of such services; or (b) is reimbursed for the actual expense of using such
41 property for purposes enumerated in this paragraph; or (c) uses such
42 property for a nonexempt purpose which is minimal in scope and insub-
43 stantial in nature if such use is incidental to the exempt purposes of this

1 paragraph; or (d) charges a reasonable fee for admission to cultural or
2 educational activities or permits the use of its property for such activities
3 by a related agency or organization, if any such activity is in furtherance
4 of the purposes of this paragraph.

5 *Third.* All moneys and credits belonging exclusively to universities,
6 colleges, academies or other public schools of any kind, or to religious,
7 literary, scientific or benevolent and charitable institutions or associations,
8 appropriated solely to sustain such institutions or associations, not ex-
9 ceeding in amount or in income arising therefrom the limit prescribed
10 by the charter of such institution or association.

11 *Fourth.* The reserve or emergency funds of fraternal benefit societies
12 authorized to do business under the laws of the state of Kansas.

13 *Fifth.* All buildings of private nonprofit universities or colleges which
14 are owned and operated by such universities and colleges as student union
15 buildings, presidents' homes and student dormitories.

16 *Sixth.* All real and tangible personal property actually and regularly
17 used exclusively by the alumni association associated by its articles of
18 incorporation with any public or nonprofit Kansas college or university
19 approved by the Kansas board of regents to confer academic degrees or
20 with any community college approved by its board of trustees to grant
21 certificates of completion of courses or curriculum, to provide accom-
22 modations and services to such college or university or to the alumni, staff
23 or faculty thereof.

24 *Seventh.* All parsonages owned by a church society and actually and
25 regularly occupied and used predominantly as a residence by a minister
26 or other clergyman of such church society who is actually and regularly
27 engaged in conducting the services and religious ministrations of such
28 society, and the land upon which such parsonage is located to the extent
29 necessary for the accommodation of such parsonage.

30 *Eighth.* All real property, all buildings located on such property and
31 all personal property contained therein, actually and regularly used ex-
32 clusively by any individually chartered organization of honorably dis-
33 charged military veterans of the United States armed forces or auxiliary
34 of any such organization, which is exempt from federal income taxation
35 pursuant to section 501(c)(19) of the federal internal revenue code of
36 1986, for clubhouse, place of meeting or memorial hall purposes, and real
37 property to the extent of not more than two acres, and all buildings lo-
38 cated on such property, actually and regularly used exclusively by any
39 such veterans' organization or its auxiliary as a memorial park.

40 *Ninth.* All real property and tangible personal property actually and
41 regularly used by a community service organization for the predominant
42 purpose of providing humanitarian services, which is owned and operated
43 by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of the state of

1 Kansas or by a corporation organized not for profit under the laws of
2 another state and duly admitted to engage in business in this state as a
3 foreign not-for-profit corporation if: (a) The directors of such corporation
4 serve without pay for such services; (b) the corporation is operated in a
5 manner which does not result in the accrual of distributable profits, re-
6 alization of private gain resulting from the payment of compensation in
7 excess of a reasonable allowance for salary or other compensation for
8 services rendered or the realization of any other form of private gain; (c)
9 no officer, director or member of such corporation has any pecuniary
10 interest in the property for which exemption is claimed; (d) the corpo-
11 ration is organized for the purpose of providing humanitarian services;
12 (e) the actual use of property for which an exemption is claimed must be
13 substantially and predominantly related to the purpose of providing hu-
14 manitarian services, except that, the use of such property for a nonexempt
15 purpose which is minimal in scope and insubstantial in nature shall not
16 result in the loss of exemption if such use is incidental to the purpose of
17 providing humanitarian services by the corporation; (f) the corporation is
18 exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the
19 internal revenue code of 1986 and; (g) contributions to the corporation
20 are deductible under the Kansas income tax act. As used in this clause,
21 “humanitarian services” means the conduct of activities which substan-
22 tially and predominantly meet a demonstrated community need and
23 which improve the physical, mental, social, cultural or spiritual welfare of
24 others or the relief, comfort or assistance of persons in distress or any
25 combination thereof including but not limited to health and recreation
26 services, child care, individual and family counseling, employment and
27 training programs for handicapped persons and meals or feeding pro-
28 grams. Notwithstanding any other provision of this clause, motor vehicles
29 shall not be exempt hereunder unless such vehicles are exclusively used
30 for the purposes described therein, except that the use of any such vehicle
31 for the purpose of participating in a coordinated transit district in ac-
32 cordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-5032 through 75-5037, and
33 amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 75-5051 through 75-5058, and amend-
34 ments thereto, shall be deemed as exclusive use.

35 *Tenth.* For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1986,
36 any building, and the land upon which such building is located to the
37 extent necessary for the accommodation of such building, owned by a
38 church or nonprofit religious society or order which is exempt from fed-
39 eral income taxation pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal
40 revenue code of 1986, and actually and regularly occupied and used ex-
41 clusively for residential and religious purposes by a community of persons
42 who are bound by vows to a religious life and who conduct or assist in
43 the conduct of religious services and actually and regularly engage in

1 religious, benevolent, charitable or educational ministrations or the per-
2 formance of health care services.

3 *Eleventh.* For ~~all~~ taxable years commencing after December 31, 1998
4 *and ending prior to January 1, 2010*, all property actually and regularly
5 used predominantly to produce and generate electricity utilizing renew-
6 able energy resources or technologies. For purposes of this section, “re-
7 newable energy resources or technologies” shall include wind, solar, pho-
8 tovoltaic, biomass, hydropower, geothermal and landfill gas resources or
9 technologies.

10 *Twelfth.* For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 2001,
11 all personal property actually and regularly used predominantly to collect,
12 refine or treat landfill gas or to transport landfill gas from a landfill to a
13 transmission pipeline, and the landfill gas produced therefrom.

14 The provisions of this section, except as otherwise more specifically
15 provided, shall apply to all taxable years commencing after December 31,
16 1995.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 79-201 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
19 publication in the statute book.