Session of 2023

SENATE BILL No. 138

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to exemptions; expanding and clarifying the exemption for Strother field airport property; increasing the extent of exemption for residential property from the statewide school levy; relating to tax levies; discontinuing the state tax levies for the Kansas educational building fund and the state institutions building fund; providing financing therefor from the state general fund; amending K.S.A. 76-6b01, 76-6b02, 76-6b04, 76-6b05, 76-6b11 and 79-201r and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-201x and repealing the existing section sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 76-6b01 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b01. (a) There is hereby levied an annual permanent state tax in the year 2023 a state tax of 1 mill upon all tangible property in this state which that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The tax levy shall be .6 mill in the year 2003 and 1 mill in the year 2004 and each year thereafter until changed by statute. Such tax levy shall be in addition to all other state tax levies authorized by law. Such tax levy shall be for the use and benefit of the state institutions of higher education. The proceeds of such tax levy shall be apportioned in accordance with this act.

- (b) The county treasurer of each county shall make the proceeds of the tax levy provided for in this section available to the state treasurer immediately upon collection. When available the state treasurer shall withdraw from each county the proceeds of the taxes raised by such tax levy. Upon such withdrawal the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury and shall credit the same as provided in K.S.A. 76-6b02, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 76-6b02 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b02. (a) All moneys received by the state treasurer under K.S.A. 76-6b01, and amendments thereto, and pursuant to subsection (c) shall be credited to the Kansas educational building fund to be used for the construction, reconstruction, equipment and repair of buildings and grounds at the state educational institutions under the control and supervision of the state board of regents and for payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued to finance such projects, all subject to appropriation by the legislature.

- (b) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the state board of regents is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the Kansas educational building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the state board of regents specified by statute for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a). Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the state board of regents is also authorized to pledge any funds appropriated to it from the Kansas educational building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the state board of regents specified by statute as a priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state or the state board of regents shall have the power to pledge the faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such purposes and any payment by the state board of regents for such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on appropriations being made from time to time by the legislature. Any obligation of the state board of regents for payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a) shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.
- (c) On July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, \$41,800,000 shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general fund to the Kansas educational building fund. On July 1, 2025, and on July 1 each year thereafter, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, an amount equal to the amount pursuant to this subsection for the immediately preceding year plus 2% shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general fund to the Kansas educational building fund.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 76-6b04 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b04. (a) There is hereby levied an annual permanent state tax in the year 2023 a state tax of 0.5 mill upon all tangible property in this state—which that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The tax levy shall be .3 mill in the year 2003 and .5 mill in the year 2004 and each year thereafter until changed by statute. The tax levy shall be in addition to all other state tax levies authorized by law. The tax levy shall be for the use and benefit of state institutions caring for persons who are mentally ill, retarded, visually handicapped, with a handicapping hearing loss or tubercular or state institutions caring for children who are deprived, wayward, miscreant, delinquent, children in need of care or juvenile offenders and who are in need of residential care or treatment, or institutions designed primarily to provide vocational rehabilitation for handicapped persons. As used in this section, "state institutions" shall include, but not be limited to, those institutions under the authority of the commissioner of

 juvenile justice. The proceeds of such tax levy shall be apportioned in accordance with this act.

- (b) The county treasurer of each county shall make the proceeds of the tax levy provided for in this section available to the state treasurer immediately upon collection. When available, the state treasurer shall withdraw from each county the proceeds of the taxes raised by such tax levy. Upon such withdrawal the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury and shall credit the same as provided in K.S.A. 76-6b05, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 76-6b05 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b05. (a) All moneys received by the state treasurer under K.S.A. 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and pursuant to subsection (e) shall be credited to the state institutions building fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury, to be used for the construction, reconstruction, equipment and repair of buildings and grounds at institutions specified in K.S.A. 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and for payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued to finance such projects, all subject to appropriation by the legislature.
- (b) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the juvenile justice authority is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the juvenile justice authority specified by statute for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a). Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the juvenile justice authority is also authorized to pledge any funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the juvenile justice authority specified by statute as a priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state or the juvenile justice authority shall have the power to pledge the faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such purposes and any payment by the juvenile justice authority for such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on appropriations being made from time to time by the legislature. Any obligation of the juvenile justice authority for payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds issued for the purposes set forth in subsection (a) shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.
- (c) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the Kansas department for aging and disability services is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas department for aging and disability services specified by

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statute for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for a 1 new state security hospital on the Larned state hospital grounds or any 2 other capital improvement projects at any other institution or facility of 3 the Kansas department for aging and disability services. Subject to any 4 restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the Kansas department for 5 6 aging and disability services is also authorized to pledge any funds 7 appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any 8 other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas department for aging and disability services specified by statute as a 9 priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither 10 the state or the Kansas department for aging and disability services shall 11 have the power to pledge the faith and credit or taxing power of the state 12 of Kansas for such purposes and any payment by the Kansas department 13 for aging and disability services for such purposes shall be subject to 14 and dependent on appropriations being made from time to time by the 15 16 legislature. Any obligation of the Kansas department for aging and 17 disability services for payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such revenue bonds issued for a new state security hospital on the 18 19 Larned state hospital grounds or any other capital improvement projects at any other institution or facility of the Kansas department for aging 20 21 and disability services shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the 22 state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the 23 state of Kansas. 24

(d) Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office is authorized to pledge funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office specified by statute for the payment of debt service on revenue bonds issued for veterans' home HVAC system replacement. Subject to any restrictions imposed by appropriation acts, the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office is also authorized to pledge any funds appropriated to it from the state institutions building fund or from any other source and transferred to a special revenue fund of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office specified by statute as a priority for the payment of debt service on such revenue bonds. Neither the state nor the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office shall have the power to pledge the faith and credit or taxing power of the state of Kansas for such purposes and any payment by the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office for such purposes shall be subject to and dependent on appropriations being made from time to time by the legislature. Any obligation of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office for payment of debt service on revenue bonds and any such

 revenue bonds issued for veterans' home HVAC system replacement shall not be considered a debt or obligation of the state for the purpose of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

- (e) On July 1, 2024, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, \$20,900,000 shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general fund to the state institutions building fund. On July 1, 2025, and on July 1 each year thereafter, or as soon thereafter as moneys are available, an amount equal to the amount pursuant to this subsection for the immediately preceding year plus 2% shall be transferred by the director of accounts and reports from the state general fund to the state institutions building fund.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 76-6b11 is hereby amended to read as follows: 76-6b11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (e), On July 1 of each year, the director of accounts and reports shall record a debit to the state treasurer's receivables for the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund and shall record a corresponding credit to each such fund in an amount equal to 95% of the amount credited respectively to each such fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year, except that such amount shall be proportionally adjusted with respect to any such fund in any fiscal year for any change in the tax levy rate for any such fund.
- (b) All taxes received by the state treasurer under K.S.A. 76-6b01, and 76-6b04-and section 15 [L. 2003, ch. 146, § 15], and amendments thereto, and the provisions of section 15 of chapter 146 of the 2003 Session Laws of Kansas during the current fiscal year shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund, respectively, and shall reduce the amount debited and credited to such funds under subsection (a).
- (c) On June 30 of each year, the director of accounts and reports shall adjust the amounts debited and credited to the state treasurer's receivables and to the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund pursuant to this section, to reflect the taxes actually received by the state treasurer and deposited during the fiscal year in the state treasury to the credit of each such fund.
- (d) The director of accounts and reports shall notify the state treasurer of all amounts debited and credited to the Kansas educational building fund, the state institutions building fund and the state general fund pursuant to this section and all reductions and adjustments thereto made pursuant to this section. The state treasurer shall enter all such amounts debited and credited and shall make reductions and adjustments thereto on the books and records kept and maintained for

such funds by the state treasurer in accordance with the notice thereof.

(e) On October 1, 2003, the director of accounts and reports shall make such adjustments and amendments as may be required to reflect and account for the property tax imposed by K.S.A. 79-2976 as if such tax had been in effect on July 1, 2003. The provisions of this section shall expire on June 30, 2024.

Section 1. Sec. 6. K.S.A. 79-201r is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-201r. For all taxable years commencing after December 31, 1991, the Strother field airport commission and the political subdivisions comprising the Strother field airport commission shall be exempt from the payment of ad valorem taxes levied by the state and any other political or taxing subdivision of the state on property owned by-it prior to and on-January 1, 1992 the Strother field airport commission or the political subdivisions comprising the Strother field airport commission and depicted on the airport's federally approved airport layout plan whether used for aviation related purposes, to promote aviation commerce or to provide revenue to operate all Strother field components and activities. Such property shall be and is hereby exempt from all property or ad valorem taxes levied under the laws of the state of Kansas. All property taxes, including any penalties and interest accrued thereon, imposed upon any property herein described for all taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 1992 2023, are hereby declared to be cancelled but any such amounts paid in any such year shall not be refunded.

- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 79-201x is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-201x. (a) For taxable year-2022 2023, and all taxable years thereafter, the following described property, to the extent herein specified, shall be and is hereby exempt from the property tax levied pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-5142, and amendments thereto: Property used for residential purposes to the extent of \$40,000 \$65,000 of its appraised valuation.
- (b) For taxable year 2023 2024, and all taxable years thereafter, the dollar amount of the extent of appraised valuation that is exempt pursuant to subsection (a) shall be adjusted to reflect the average percentage change in statewide residential valuation of all residential real property for the preceding 10 years. Such average percentage change shall not be less than zero. The director of property valuation shall calculate the average percentage change for purposes of this annual adjustment and calculate the dollar amount of the extent of appraised valuation that is exempt pursuant to this section each year.
- Sec. 2. 8. K.S.A. **76-6b01**, **76-6b02**, **76-6b04**, **76-6b05**, **76-6b11** and **79-201**ris and K.S.A. **2022** Supp. **79-201**x are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.