

HOUSE BILL No. 2160

By Committee on Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning taxation; establishing the committee on simplified
2 state tax structure; prescribing membership, duties and responsibilities
3 thereof.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the committee on
7 simplified state tax structure. The committee shall study the overall tax
8 structure and policy of the state of Kansas by reviewing the relationship
9 of the various taxes imposed by the state to each other and to the
10 economy and identify a tax structure that operates in the best interests of
11 Kansas citizens with a goal to formulate a simple and effective tax
12 structure. The committee shall particularly study ways to decrease tax
13 rates of such taxes imposed by the state by broadening the tax base upon
14 which each tax is imposed and restructuring the current tax structure in
15 Kansas.

16 (b) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall consist of
17 13 members. Of such members, six shall be members of the house of
18 representatives, five shall be members of the senate and two shall
19 represent the public at large. The house of representatives members shall
20 be the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the
21 committee on taxation, two members appointed by the speaker of the
22 house and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house.
23 The senate members shall be the chairperson, vice-chairperson and
24 ranking minority leader of the committee on assessment and taxation, one
25 member appointed by the president of the senate and one member
26 appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The two members to
27 represent the public at large shall be appointed by the governor.

28 (c) The committee shall elect annually from among its members a
29 chairperson. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee on
30 simplified state tax structure shall be filled by appointment in the manner
31 prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

32 (d) A quorum of the committee on simplified state tax structure shall
33 be seven members. All actions of the committee shall be taken by a
34 majority of all of the members of the committee.

35 (e) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall meet during
36 the 2011 and 2012 interims and shall meet five times during each interim.

1 During each interim the committee shall meet two times in Topeka and
2 one time in a location chosen by the committee in congressional districts
3 one, three and four to provide the opportunity for full citizen input for the
4 committee's consideration in making the committee's findings and
5 recommendations.

6 (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of
7 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to
8 special committees shall apply to the committee on simplified state tax
9 structure to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific
10 provisions of this act applicable to the committee.

11 (g) Members of the committee on simplified state tax structure
12 including public members shall receive compensation, travel expenses
13 and subsistence expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and
14 amendments thereto, when attending meetings authorized by the
15 committee.

16 (h) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the Kansas
17 legislative research department and other central legislative staff service
18 agencies, and professors from not more than three regents institutions as
19 chosen by the chairperson of the committee, shall provide such assistance
20 as may be requested by the committee.

21 (i) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall submit a
22 report to the legislature and to the committee on taxation of the house of
23 representatives and the committee on assessment and taxation of the
24 senate before December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012, with any
25 findings and recommendations which such committee deems necessary
26 including the recommendation of any legislation necessary to carry out
27 the recommendations of the committee.

28 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
29 publication in the statute book.

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