

## SENATE BILL No. 255

By Senator Kelsey

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1 AN ACT concerning mortgage registration fees; amending K.S.A. 79-3102  
2 and repealing the existing section.  
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 79-3102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-  
6 3102. (a) Before any mortgage of real property, or renewal or extension of  
7 such a mortgage, is received and filed for record, there shall be paid to the  
8 register of deeds of the county in which such property or any part thereof  
9 is situated a registration fee of .26% of the principal debt or obligation  
10 which is secured by such mortgage. In the event the mortgage states that  
11 an amount less than the entire principal debt or obligation will be secured  
12 thereby, the registration fee shall be paid on such lesser amount.

13 (b) As used herein, "principal debt or obligation" shall not include  
14 any finance charges or interest.

15 (c) In any case where interest has been precomputed, the register of  
16 deeds may require the person filing the mortgage to state the amount of the  
17 debt or obligation owed before computation of interest.

18 (d) No registration fee whatsoever shall be paid, collected or required  
19 for or on: (1) Any mortgage or other instrument given solely for the  
20 purpose of correcting or perfecting a previously recorded mortgage or  
21 other instrument; (2) any mortgage or other instrument given for the  
22 purpose of providing additional security for the same indebtedness, where  
23 the registration fee herein provided for has been paid on the original  
24 mortgage or instrument; (3) any mortgage or other instrument upon that  
25 portion of the consideration stated in the mortgage tendered for filing  
26 which is verified by affidavit to be principal indebtedness covered or  
27 included in a previously recorded mortgage or other instrument with the  
28 same lender or their assigns upon which the registration fee herein  
29 provided for has been paid; (4) any lien, indenture, mortgage, bond or  
30 other instrument or encumbrance nor for the note or other promise to pay  
31 thereby secured, all as may be assigned, continued, transferred, reissued or  
32 otherwise changed by reason of, incident to or having to do with the  
33 migration to this state of any corporation, by merger or consolidation with  
34 a domestic corporation as survivor, or by other means, where the original  
35 secured transaction, for which the registration fee has once been paid, is  
36 thereby continued or otherwise acknowledged or validated; (5) any

1 mortgage or other instrument given in the form of an affidavit of equitable  
2 interest solely for the purpose of providing notification by the purchaser of  
3 real property of the purchaser's interest therein; (6) any mortgage in which  
4 a certified development corporation certified by the United States small  
5 business administration participates pursuant to its community economic  
6 development program; (7) any mortgage or other instrument given for the  
7 sole purpose of changing the trustee; or (8) any mortgage for which the  
8 registration fee is otherwise not required by law.

9 (e) The register of deeds shall receive no additional fees or salary by  
10 reason of the receipt of fees as herein provided. After the payment of the  
11 registration fees as aforesaid the mortgage and the note thereby secured  
12 shall not otherwise be taxable.

13 (f) *For the purposes of parts (2) and (3) of subsection (d), the*  
14 *indebtedness described therein shall mean existing indebtedness verified*  
15 *by affidavit or established by supporting documentation to be:*

16 (1) *Between the same borrowers or their assigns and the same lender*  
17 *or their assigns;*

18 (2) *involving the same promissory note or other instrument*  
19 *evidencing the borrowers' obligation; and*

20 (3) *involving the same legally described property in the original*  
21 *mortgage or other instrument.*

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-3102 is hereby repealed.

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