HOUSE BILL No. 2493

By Committee on Taxation

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AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to classifications of real property; providing certain requirements for property classified for residential purposes and land devoted to agricultural use; amending K.S.A. 79-1439 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 79-1439 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-1439. (a) All real and tangible personal property—which that is subject to general ad valorem taxation shall be appraised uniformly and equally as to class and, unless otherwise specified herein, shall be appraised at its fair market value, as defined in K.S.A. 79-503a, and amendments thereto.

- (b) Property shall be classified into the following classes and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:
- (1) Real property shall be assessed as to subclass at the following percentages of value:
- (A) Real property that is used or intended to be used for residential purposes for occupation by humans including multi-family residential real property, real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located, residential real property used partially for day care home purposes if such home has been registered or licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and real property used for bed and breakfast purposes at 11.5%. As used in this paragraph "bed and breakfast" means a property with five or fewer bedrooms available for overnight guests who stay for not more than 28 consecutive days for which there is compliance with all zoning or other applicable ordinances or laws which that pertain to facilities which that lodge and feed guests;
- (B) land devoted to agricultural use that is at least two acres unless such parcel is contiguous with a larger parcel devoted to agricultural use valued pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1476, and amendments thereto, at 30%;
 - (C) vacant lots at 12%;
 - (D) real property-which that is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code and included herein pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1439a, and amendments thereto, at 12%;
 - (E) public utility real property, except railroad property, which shall

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be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed, at 33%. As used in this paragraph, "public utility"—shall have the meaning ascribed thereto by means the same as defined in K.S.A. 79-5a01, and amendments thereto;

- (F) real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use at 25%; and
- (G) all other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassed at 30%.
- (2) Personal property shall be classified into the following classes and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:
 - (A) Mobile homes used for residential purposes at 11.5%;
 - (B) mineral leasehold interests, except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests, the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%, at 30%;
 - (C) public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed, at 33%. As used in this paragraph, "public utility"—shall have the meaning ascribed thereto by means the same as defined in K.S.A. 79-5a01, and amendments thereto;
- (D) all categories of motor vehicles listed and taxed pursuant to K.S.A. 79-306d, and amendments thereto, and, prior to January 1, 2014, over-the-road motor vehicles defined pursuant to K.S.A. 79-6a01, and amendments thereto, at 30%;
- (E) commercial and industrial machinery and equipment, including rolling equipment defined pursuant to K.S.A. 79-6a01, and amendments thereto, which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property as long as it is being used shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property at 25%; and
- 36 (F) all other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified at 30%.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-1439 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.