

2-131b. Counties having fair associations; tax levy for buildings, use of proceeds; protest petition and election. The board of county commissioners of any county in which there is a fair association or a society which is organized and operating under the provisions of K.S.A. 2-125 to 2-131, inclusive, and amendments thereto, upon request of such fair association or society is hereby authorized and empowered to make an annual tax levy of not to exceed five-tenths of one mill upon all the taxable tangible property of the county for the purpose of raising funds to be used for the erection and maintenance of buildings of such a fair association having obtained recognition as an official county fair association and to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county. No levy shall be made for such purposes until a resolution authorizing the making of such levy is passed by the county commissioners and published for two consecutive issues in the official county paper. Whereupon, such levies may be made unless a petition in opposition thereto signed by not less than five percent of the qualified electors of the county, as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last preceding election, is filed with the county election officer within sixty days following the last publication of the resolution of the board. In the event such a petition is filed, it shall be the duty of the board of commissioners to submit the question to the voters at an election called for such purpose or at the next general election. If no protest petition is filed or if the question is submitted on a question submitted ballot and those voting on the question shall vote in favor of such tax levy, then the board of county commissioners shall make such tax levies. The board of county commissioners shall determine the amount necessary to be raised by such levy for such purposes. The tax levy authorized by this section shall be in addition to all other tax levies authorized or limited by law and shall be outside the aggregate limitation provided in K.S.A. 79-1947, and amendments thereto, and the amount collected therefrom shall be paid to such association or society for the purposes herein specified, and shall be in addition to the amount allowed to such association or society under the provisions of K.S.A. 2-129, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1947, ch. 2, § 1; L. 1953, ch. 2, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 52, § 16; L. 1980, ch. 1, § 1; L. 2004, ch. 101, § 5; L. 2013, ch. 71, § 5; July 1.