

HOUSE BILL No. 2150

AN ACT concerning townships; relating to traffic control devices; amending K.S.A. 8-2005 and 68-526 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 8-2005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2005. (a) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall place and maintain such traffic-control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this act or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn or guide traffic. All such traffic-control devices hereafter erected shall conform to the state manual and specifications.

(b) Local authorities in exercising those functions referred to in subsection (a) shall be subject to the direction and control of the secretary of transportation with respect to highways and streets designated by the secretary as connecting links in the state highway system.

(c) *In townships located in Douglas, Johnson, Riley, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties, the township board shall place and maintain traffic-control devices, other than regulatory signs, on township roads under the board's jurisdiction. In addition, such township board shall place and maintain regulatory signs on township roads under the board's jurisdiction consistent with resolutions of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the township road is located. For this purpose, a regulatory sign is a sign setting forth a regulation, the violation of which subjects the operator of the motor vehicle to fine, imprisonment, or both.*

Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as precluding the board of county commissioners from placing and maintaining traffic-control devices on township roads, if the board determines that traffic control devices or signs placed by a township are inadequate, but the board of county commissioners shall have no obligation to do so.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 68-526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-526.

(a) In all counties not operating under the county road unit system the township board shall have the general charge and supervision of all township roads and township culverts in their respective townships, ~~and. The board shall procure machinery, implements, tools, drain tile, stone, gravel, and any other material or equipment required, for the construction or repair thereof of such roads and culverts. All work shall be done in accordance with plans and specifications and the general regulations to be prepared and furnished by the county engineer. No materials shall be purchased and no contract shall be let for the construction or repair of any township road or township culvert, or part thereof in excess of the amount of \$10,000, nor shall any machinery or other appliance or equipment to be used in highway construction costing more than \$10,000 be purchased by the township board without the approval of the county engineer.~~

(b) *In townships located in Douglas, Johnson, Riley, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties, the township board shall place and maintain traffic-control devices and guidance, warning and regulatory signs on all township roads as provided by K.S.A. 8-2005, and amendments thereto.*

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 8-2005 and 68-526 are hereby repealed.

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Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.