

HOUSE BILL No. 2191

AN ACT relating to port authorities; concerning certain powers; amending K.S.A. 12-3406 and 12-3415 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-3406 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-3406. A port authority established by K.S.A. 12-3402, and amendments thereto, shall have full power and authority to:

(a) Purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, furnish, maintain, repair, enlarge, remodel, own, sell, lease, and operate docks, wharves, warehouses, piers, and other water-port facilities, airport facilities, terminal facilities, land transportation facilities, railroad facilities or industrial-use facilities within the area of its jurisdiction, as defined by K.S.A. 12-3405, and amendments thereto, consistent with the purpose of the port authority, which purpose is hereby declared to be for a public purpose;

(b) (1) borrow money from ~~either~~ private financial institutions ~~or~~, any agency of the state of Kansas or of the United States of America *or a private person or entity approved by the port authority*, and to issue therefor such notes or other evidence of indebtedness as may be required and to mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber the assets of the authority as security therefor, ~~and~~ *or* (2) issue bonds as provided in K.S.A. 12-3415, and amendments thereto;

(c) apply for, receive, and participate in any grants from the state of Kansas or from the United States of America;

(d) construct, straighten, deepen, and improve any canal, channel, river, stream, or other watercourse or way which may be necessary or proper in the development of the facilities of such port;

(e) purchase, acquire, own, maintain, furnish, improve, repair, enlarge, remodel, construct, reconstruct, equip, hold, sell, lease, or operate real or personal property for the authorized purposes of the port authority, which exercise of such authority is hereby declared to be for a public purpose;

(f) apply to the proper authorities of the United States government for a grant within the limits of the port authority either individually or in conjunction with a corporate instrumentality of this state and one or more states, or a bi-state compact or a not-for-profit corporation authorized to do business in this state and to establish, operate and maintain foreign trade zones pursuant to the foreign trade-zone act, 19 U.S.C.A. 81a to 81u, inclusive, as amended;

(g) exercise the right of eminent domain, if approved by a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the governing body of the port authority, to appropriate any land, rights, rights-of-way, franchises, easements, or other property, necessary or proper for the construction or the efficient operation of any facility of the port authority and included in an official plan, pursuant to the procedure provided by law, if funds equal to the appraised value of the property to be acquired as the result of such proceedings shall be on hand and available for such purposes. The port authority shall not exercise the right of eminent domain without first having received approval, by resolution, of the governing body of the city or county which created such port authority. If the port authority was created by two or more cities or counties, the port authority shall not exercise the right of eminent domain without first having received approval, by resolution, of the governing body of the city or county in which such property is located. If such property is located outside the boundaries of the port authority, such port authority shall not exercise the right of eminent domain without first having received approval, by resolution, of the governing body of the city if such property is located within the corporate limits of a city or from the board of county commissioners if such property is located within the unincorporated area of a county. A port authority shall not have the right of eminent domain to acquire a site for an industrial-use facility.

Nothing contained in K.S.A. 12-3401 to 12-3433, inclusive, and amendments thereto, shall authorize a port authority to take or disturb property or facilities belonging to any public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, which property or facilities are necessary and convenient in the operation of such public corporation, public utility, or common carrier, unless provision is made for the restoration, relocating, or duplication of such property or facilities, or upon the election of such public corporation, public utility, or common carrier for the payment of compensation, if any, at the sole cost of the port authority.

If any restoration or duplication proposed to be made hereunder shall involve a relocation of such property or facilities, the new facilities and location shall be of at least comparable utilitarian value and effectiveness and such relocation shall not impair the ability of the public utility or common carrier to compete in its original area of operation.

If any restoration or duplication made hereunder shall involve a relocation of such property or facilities, the port authority shall acquire no interest or right in or to the appropriated property or facilities, except as provided in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 12-3406, and amendments thereto, until the relocated property or facilities are available for use and until marketable title thereto has been transferred to the public utility or common carrier.

Provisions for restoration, relocation, or duplication shall be described in detail in the plan specified in K.S.A. 12-3407, and amendments thereto;

(h) maintain such funds as it deems necessary;

(i) direct its agents or employees, when properly identified in writing, and after at least five days' written notice, to enter upon lands within the confines of its jurisdiction in order to make surveys and examinations preliminary to location and construction of works for the purposes of the port authority, without liability of the port authority or its agents or employees except for actual damage done;

(j) sell, lease or convey real and personal property not needed for the operation of the port authority and grant easements of rights-of-way over property of the port authority; and

(k) promote, advertise, and publicize the port and its facilities; provide traffic information and rate information to shippers and shipping interests.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-3415 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-3415. (a) For the purpose of paying all or any part of the cost of purchasing or acquiring land or interests therein, and the cost of purchasing, acquiring, constructing, equipping, reconstructing, improving, repairing, enlarging, remodeling and furnishing buildings, structures, plants, docks, wharves, warehouses, piers, sidings and other water-port facilities, airport facilities, terminal facilities, land transportation facilities, railroad facilities or industrial-use facilities or any part thereof; including additions, improvements, relocations, renovations, extensions and modifications thereof (all of which as are included in a single project are hereafter referred to in this act as "facility or facilities"), a port authority created pursuant to this act, is authorized to borrow money upon credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the operation of such facilities, together with any other available income and revenues from other revenue producing facilities of such port authority, and to issue negotiable *notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness authorized under subsection (b) of K.S.A. 12-3406, and amendments thereto*, of such port authority in such amount as the board of directors of the port authority shall deem necessary for the purpose; and to provide for payment of such *notes, bonds or other evidence of indebtedness* and rights of holders thereof as herein provided.

(b) The port authority shall not issue bonds without first having received approval, by resolution, of the governing body of the cities or counties which comprise such port authority.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 12-3406 and 12-3415 are hereby repealed.

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

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

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.