

SENATE BILL No. 209

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning counties; relating to expenses incurred by fire districts in response to a fire that has been determined to be arson; amending K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 19-3601a and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 19-3601a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3601a. Upon the creation of a fire district under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-3601 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, the governing body shall have the authority to:

- (a) Enter contracts;
- (b) acquire and dispose of real and personal property;
- (c) acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, operate, maintain and furnish buildings to house fire fighting equipment;
- (d) acquire, operate and maintain fire fighting equipment;
- (e) issue bonds as provided in this act;
- (f) pay compensation and salaries to fire district employees;
- (g) pay compensation to volunteer members of the fire district for fighting fires, responding to emergencies or attending meetings;
- (h) exercise eminent domain;
- (i) pay the operation and maintenance expenses of the fire district and any other expenses legally incurred by the fire district; ~~and~~
- (j) *seek reimbursement of expenses incurred by a fire district by responding to a fire which has been determined to be arson from the person who has been convicted of such crime under K.S.A. 21-3718 and 21-3719, and amendments thereto; and*
- (k) do all other things necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 19-3601a is hereby repealed.

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