HOUSE BILL No. 2909

By Committee on Taxation

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9 AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to correction of errors; 10 amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-1701 and 79-1701a and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-1701 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-1701. The county clerk shall, prior to November 1, shall correct the following clerical errors in the assessment and tax rolls for the current year, which are discovered prior to such date:

- (a) Errors in the *classification*, description or quantity of real estate or personal property listed;
- (b) errors which have caused improvements to be assessed upon real estate *or personal property* when no such improvements were in existence;
- (c) errors whereby improvements located upon one tract or lot of real estate have been assessed as being upon another tract or lot;
- (d) errors whereby taxes have been charged upon *a type of* property which the state board of tax appeals has specifically declared to be exempt from taxation under the constitution or laws of the state;
- (e) errors whereby the taxpayer has been assessed twice in the same year for the same property real estate or personal property, or both, in one or more taxing districts in the county;
- (f) errors whereby the assessment of either real or personal property has been assigned to a taxing district in which the property did not have its taxable situs; and
- (g) errors on the part of the county whereby the values or taxes are understated or overstated as a result of a mathematical miscomputation on the part of the county.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-1701a is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-1701a. Any taxpayer, the county appraiser or the county clerk shall, on their own motion, request the board of county commissioners to order the correction of the clerical errors in the appraisal, assessment or tax rolls as described in K.S.A. 79-1701, and amendments thereto. The board of county commissioners of the several counties are hereby authorized to order the correction of clerical errors, specified in K.S.A. 79-

1701, and amendments thereto, in the appraisal, assessment or tax rolls 1 2 for the current year and the immediately preceding two years during the 3 period on and after November 1 of each year. If a county treasurer has 4 collected and distributed the property taxes of a taxpayer and it shall 5 thereafter be determined that the tax computed and paid was based on 6 an erroneous assessment due to a clerical an error which resulted in an 7 overpayment of taxes by the taxpayer, and such error is corrected under 8 the provisions hereof then of this section, the county commissioners may 9 direct a refund in the amount of the overpayment plus interest at the rate 10 prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, from the date 11 of payment from tax moneys collected during the current year and ap-12 prove a claim therefor. If all or any portion of the taxes on such property 13 remain unpaid, the board of county commissioners shall cancel that por-14 tion of such unpaid taxes which were assessed on the basis of the error 15 which is being corrected. In lieu of taking such a refund the taxpayer may, 16 at the taxpayer's option, be allowed a credit on the current year's taxes in 17 the amount of the overpayment plus interest at the rate prescribed by 18 K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, from the date of payment for 19 the previous year. In the event the error results in an understatement of 20 value or taxes as a result of a mathematical miscomputation on the part 21 of the county, the board of county commissioners of the several counties 22 are hereby authorized to correct such error and order an additional as-23 sessment or tax bill, or both, to be issued, except that, in no such case 24 shall the taxpayer be assessed interest or penalties on any tax which may 25 be assessed. If such error applies to property which has been sold or 26 otherwise transferred subsequent to the time the error was made, no such 27 additional assessment or tax bill shall be issued.

- 28 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 79-1701 and 79-1701a are hereby 29 repealed.
- Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.