HOUSE BILL No. 2050

By Committee on Utilities

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9 AN ACT concerning telecommunications; enacting the VoIP enhanced 10 911 act; imposing certain fees and providing for disposition thereof; providing for participation of VoIP providers in the Kansas universal 11 12 service fund; amending K.S.A. 66-2008, 66-2009 and 66-2010 and 13 K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5323, 12-5328, 12-5330, 12-5334 and 19-101a 14 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 15 19-101k.

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

New Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 10, and amendments thereto, may be cited as the VoIP enhanced 911 act.

(b) If any provisions of this act or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application. To this end the provisions of this act are severable.

New Sec. 2. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- Terms have the meanings provided by the wireless enhanced 911 (a) act.
 - "VoIP" means voice over internet protocol. (b)
- "VoIP enhanced 911 grant fee" means the fee imposed under section 4, and amendments thereto.
- "VoIP enhanced 911 local fee" means the fee imposed under section 5, and amendments thereto.
- "VoIP enhanced 911 service" means a communication service by which VoIP providers can provide automatic number identification, pseudo-automatic number identification and VoIP automatic location identification information to a requesting PSAP.
- "VoIP project" means the development and acquisition of the necessary improvements in order to facilitate the establishment of VoIP service.
- "VoIP project costs" means all costs or expenses which are nec-(g) essary or incident to a VoIP project and which are directly attributable 43 thereto.

- (h) "VoIP provider" means a provider of VoIP service.
- (i) "VoIP service user" means any person who is provided VoIP service.
- (j) "VoIP subscriber account" means the 10-digit access number assigned to a VoIP service user regardless of whether more than one such number is aggregated for the purpose of billing a service user.
- New Sec. 3. The secretary shall administer the provisions of the VoIP enhanced 911 act. The secretary is hereby authorized to adopt rules and regulations necessary for effectuation of the provisions of this act.
- New Sec. 4. (a) Subject to the provisions of section 10, and amendments thereto, effective July 1, 2005, there is hereby established a VoIP enhanced 911 grant fee in the amount of \$.25 per month per VoIP subscriber account with primary place of use in the state of Kansas. It shall be the duty of each VoIP provider to collect such fee from the VoIP service user and remit such fee to the secretary as provided by section 6, and amendments thereto.
- (b) The secretary shall remit to the state treasurer, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto, any fees received pursuant to this section. Upon receipt of the remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund.
- New Sec. 5. (a) Effective July 1, 2005, there is hereby imposed a VoIP enhanced 911 local fee. Subject to the provisions of section 10, and amendments thereto, the amount of such fee shall be \$.25 per month per VoIP subscriber account with primary place of use in the state of Kansas.
- (b) The proceeds of the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee, and any interest earned on revenue derived from such fee, shall be used only for the purposes provided in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5330, and amendments thereto.
- (c) Each PSAP shall submit to the secretary an annual report accounting for the money received by the PSAP from the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee. Such report shall be submitted on a form provided by the secretary, which shall be consolidated with the report accounting for moneys received from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee required pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5330, and amendments thereto.
- (d) If pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5330, and amendments thereto, a PSAP is required to pay to the secretary all moneys from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee which have been or are received by such PSAP, such PSAP shall also pay to the secretary all moneys from the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee which have been or are received by such PSAP and the secretary shall notify the local collection point administrator that distributions of moneys from the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee to the PSAP shall be stopped and that such moneys shall be instead remitted to

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 the secretary until the PSAP is again eligible to receive moneys from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee. The PSAP thereafter shall not be eligible to receive moneys from distributions by the local collection point administrator until the PSAP is again eligible to receive moneys from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee. The secretary shall remit any moneys received from the repayment by the PSAP or from distributions by the local collection point administrator to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of the remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund.

New Sec. 6. (a) Every billed VoIP service user shall be liable for the VoIP enhanced 911 grant fee and the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee until such fees have been paid to the VoIP provider.

- (b) The duty to collect any such fees imposed pursuant to this act shall commence July 1, 2005. Such fees shall be added to and may be stated separately in billings for the VoIP subscriber account. If stated separately in billings, the fees shall be labeled "KS E-911 fees."
- (c) The VoIP provider shall have no obligation to take any legal action to enforce the collection of the fees imposed by this act. The VoIP provider shall provide annually to the secretary a list of amounts of uncollected VoIP enhanced 911 grant fees along with the names and addresses of those VoIP service users which carry a balance that can be determined by the VoIP provider to be nonpayment of such fees. The VoIP provider shall provide annually to the local collection point administrator a list of amounts of uncollected VoIP enhanced 911 local fees along with the names and addresses of those VoIP service users which carry a balance that can be determined by the VoIP provider to be nonpayment of such fees.
- (d) The fees imposed by this act shall be collected insofar as practicable at the same time as, and along with, the charges for VoIP service in accordance with regular billing practice of the VoIP provider.
- (e) The VoIP enhanced 911 grant fee and the amounts required to be collected therefor are due monthly. The amount of any such fees collected in one month by the VoIP provider shall be remitted to the secretary not more than 15 days after the close of the calendar month. On or before the 15th day of each calendar month following, a return for the preceding month shall be filed with the secretary in such form as the secretary and the VoIP provider shall agree. The VoIP provider required to file the return shall deliver the return together with a remittance of the amount of the fees payable to the secretary. The VoIP provider shall maintain records of the amount of any such fees collected pursuant to action in accord with this act. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three years from the time the fees are collected.

- (f) The VoIP enhanced 911 local fee and the amounts required to be collected therefor are due monthly. The amount of any such fees collected in one month by the VoIP provider shall be remitted to the local collection point administrator not more than 15 days after the close of the calendar month. On or before the 15th day of each calendar month following, a return for the preceding month shall be filed with the local collection point administrator. Such return shall be in such form and shall contain such information as required by the administrator. The VoIP provider required to file the return shall deliver the return together with a remittance of the amount of the fees payable to the local collection point administrator. The VoIP provider shall maintain records of the amount of any such fees collected pursuant to action in accord with this act. Such records shall be maintained for a period of three years from the time the fees are collected.
- (g) Except as provided by subsection (d) of section 5, and amendments thereto, not later than 30 days after receipt of moneys from VoIP providers pursuant to this section, the local collection point administrator shall distribute such moneys collected from the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee to PSAP's based upon primary place of use information provided by VoIP providers. The local collection point administrator may retain an administrative fee of not more than 2% of moneys collected from such fee.
- (h) The local collection point administrator shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of moneys from the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee. The receipts and disbursements shall be audited yearly by a licensed municipal accountant or certified public accountant and the audit report shall be submitted to the secretary.
- New Sec. 7. In 2007, the secretary shall require, and thereafter may require, an audit of any VoIP provider's books and records concerning the collection and remittance of fees pursuant to this act. Any such audit shall be conducted at the expense of the secretary. Information provided by VoIP providers to the secretary or the advisory board pursuant to this act or the wireless enhanced 911 act will be treated as proprietary records which will be withheld from the public upon request of the party submitting such records.
- New Sec. 8. The VoIP enhanced 911 service described in this act is within the governmental power and authority of the secretary, local collection point administrator, governing bodies and public agencies. Except as provided by the Kansas tort claims act, in contracting for such service and in providing such service, and except for failure to use ordinary care, or for intentional acts, the secretary, local collection point administrator, each governing body, each public agency, each VoIP provider, and their employees and agents, shall not be liable for the payment of damages

 resulting from the performance of installing, maintaining or providing VoIP enhanced 911 service.

New Sec. 9. Nothing in the VoIP enhanced 911 act shall be construed to limit the ability of a VoIP provider from recovering directly from the provider's customers its costs associated with designing, developing, deploying and maintaining VoIP enhanced 911 service and its costs of collection and administration of the fees imposed by this act, whether such costs are itemized on the customer's bill as a surcharge or by any other lawful method.

New Sec. 10. (a) On July 1, 2010:

- (1) The VoIP enhanced 911 grant fee shall be discontinued.
- (2) Within any county which has a population of 125,000 or more, the amount of the tax per access line or its equivalent imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-5302, and amendments thereto, and the amount of the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee per VoIP subscriber account within such jurisdiction shall be an equal amount per month.
- (3) Within any county which has a population of less than 125,000 the amount of the tax per access line or its equivalent imposed to K.S.A. 12-5302, and amendments thereto, and the amount of the VoIP enhanced 911 local fee per VoIP subscriber account shall be an equal amount per month.
- (4) The provisions of sections 3 and 4, and amendments thereto, shall expire.
- (b) On and after July 1, 2010, the proceeds of the VoIP local fee shall be used only to pay for costs of emergency telephone service described in K.S.A. 12-5304, and amendments thereto, and expenditures authorized by K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5330, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5323 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5323. (a) There is hereby established in the state treasury the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund.
 - (b) Moneys from the following sources shall be credited to the fund:
- (1) Amounts received by the state from the federal government for the purposes of the fund;
- (2) amounts appropriated or otherwise made available by the legislature for the purposes of the fund;
- (3) amounts received from fees under K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5324 or section 4, and amendments thereto, or from repayments or fees remitted under K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5328 or, 12-5330 or section 4, and amendments thereto;
 - (4) interest attributable to investment of moneys in the fund; and
- (5) amounts received from any public or private entity for the purposes of the fund.
 - (c) Subject to the conditions and in accordance with requirements of

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this act, moneys credited to the fund shall be used only:

- (1) To pay costs of administering the fund, including actual and necessary expenses incurred by members of the advisory board while performing duties required by ,he wireless enhanced 911 act and costs of any audit performed under K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5331, and amendments thereto, but the aggregate amount of all such costs shall not exceed 5% of the moneys credited to the fund; and
- (2) to provide grants to eligible municipalities only for necessary and reasonable costs incurred or to be incurred by PSAP's for: (1) Implementation of wireless enhanced 911 service and VoIP 911 service, as defined in section 2, and amendments thereto; (2) purchase of equipment and upgrades and modification to equipment used solely to process the data elements of wireless enhanced 911 service and VoIP 911 service, as defined in section 2, and amendments thereto; and (3) maintenance and license fees for such equipment and training of personnel to operate such equipment, including costs of training PSAP personnel to provide effective service to all users of the emergency telephone system who have communications disabilities. Such costs shall not include expenditures to lease, construct, expand, acquire, remodel, renovate, repair, furnish or make improvements to buildings or similar facilities or for other capital outlay or equipment not expressly authorized by this act.
- (d) On or before the 10th of each month, the director of accounts and reports shall transfer from the state general fund to the fund interest earnings based on:
- (1) The average daily balance of moneys in the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund for the preceding month; and
- (2) the net earnings rate of the pooled money investment portfolio for the preceding month.
- (e) All payments and disbursements from the fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary or by a person or persons designated by the secretary.
- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5328 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5328. (a) Eligible municipalities wishing to receive a grant under the wireless enhanced 911 act shall submit an application therefor to the secretary. Applications shall be in such form and shall include such information as the secretary shall require including, but not limited to, the request for proposals submitted to initiate the deployment process, and shall be submitted in a manner and at a time to be determined by the secretary.
- (b) The secretary may enter into agreements with any eligible municipality for the provision of a grant thereto for payment of all or a part of project costs and, including VoIP project costs, as defined in section 2,

and amendments thereto, if recommended by the advisory board. Any eligible municipality may enter into such an agreement and may accept such grant when so authorized by the municipal governing body. The purposes of the grant to be provided, a time frame for implementation, and the amount thereof, which may vary among municipalities, shall be included in the agreements. All such agreements shall include provisions for repayment of the grant if implementation is not completed in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

- (c) If a municipality to which a grant is made available under the wireless enhanced 911 act fails to enter into an agreement with the secretary for the provision of such grant in accordance with the requirements of this act, the secretary may make the amount of the grant available for one or more other projects on the priority list or VoIP projects, as defined in section 2, and amendments thereto, if recommended by the advisory board.
- (d) The secretary shall provide any eligible municipality, upon request, with technical advice and assistance regarding a project, *including VoIP projects*, or an application for a grant for the payment of all or part of project costs or *VoIP project costs*.
- (e) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e)(3), each PSAP shall submit to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service by July 1, 2006.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e)(3), if a PSAP has not submitted to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service by July 1, 2006, such PSAP shall pay to the secretary all moneys paid from the fund to such PSAP. The secretary shall remit such moneys to the state treasurer in accordance with K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of the remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund. Thereafter, such PSAP shall not be eligible to receive moneys from the fund until the PSAP has submitted to the secretary evidence satisfactory to the secretary that the PSAP has submitted to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service.
- (3) If a PSAP is unable to make a valid request by July 1, 2006, the advisory board may approve not to exceed two one-year extensions of such date to not later than July 1, 2008, if the advisory board determines that: (A) Equipment necessary to receive and utilize the data elements associated with the wireless enhanced 911 service has been ordered by the PSAP but is unavailable; or (B) there is other just cause to extend the date.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5330 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5330. (a) Effective July 1, 2004, there is hereby imposed a wireless enhanced 911 local fee. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2004

Supp. 12-5338, and amendments thereto, the amount of such fee shall be \$.25 per month per wireless subscriber account with primary place of use in the state of Kansas. Such fee shall not be imposed on prepaid wireless service.

- (b) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5338, and amendments thereto, the proceeds of the wireless enhanced 911 local fee, and any interest earned on revenue derived from such fee, shall be used only for necessary and reasonable costs incurred or to be incurred by PSAP's for: (1) Implementation of wireless enhanced 911 service and VoIP enhanced 911 service; (2) purchase of equipment and upgrades and modification to equipment used solely to process the data elements of wireless enhanced 911 service and VoIP enhanced 911 service; and (3) maintenance and license fees for such equipment and training of personnel to operate such equipment, including costs of training PSAP personnel to provide effective service to all users of the emergency telephone system who have communications disabilities. Such costs shall not include expenditures to lease, construct, expand, acquire, remodel, renovate, repair, furnish or make improvements to buildings or similar facilities or for other capital outlay or equipment not expressly authorized by this act.
- (c) Each PSAP shall submit to the secretary an annual report accounting for the money received by the PSAP from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee. Such report shall be submitted on a form provided by the secretary.
- (d) (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d)(3), each PSAP shall submit to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service by July 1, 2006.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of subsection (d)(3), if a PSAP has not submitted to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service by July 1, 2006: (A) Such PSAP shall pay to the secretary all moneys from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee which have been or are received by such PSAP; (B) the secretary shall notify the local collection point administrator that the PSAP has not made a valid request when required and that distributions of moneys from the wireless enhanced 911 local fee to the PSAP shall be stopped and that such moneys shall be instead remitted to the secretary until the secretary notifies the local collection point administrator that the PSAP has made a valid request; (C) the PSAP thereafter shall not be eligible to receive moneys from the fund or from distributions by the local collection point administrator until the PSAP has submitted to the secretary evidence satisfactory to the secretary that the PSAP has submitted to wireless carriers a valid request for wireless enhanced 911 service. The secretary shall remit any moneys received from the repayment by the PSAP or from distributions by the local collection point administrator to the state treasurer in accordance with

K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of the remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the wireless enhanced 911 grant fund.

- (3) If a PSAP is unable to make a valid request by July 1, 2006, the advisory board may approve not to exceed two one-year extensions of such date to not later than July 1, 2008, if the advisory board determines that: (A) Equipment necessary to receive and utilize the data elements associated with wireless enhanced 911 service has been ordered by the PSAP but is unavailable; or (B) there is other just cause to extend the date.
- Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 12-5334 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-5334. (a) During calendar year 2006, the division of post audit shall conduct an audit of the wireless enhanced 911 service system to determine: (1) Whether moneys received by municipalities pursuant to the wireless enhanced 911 act are being used appropriately; (2) the amount of moneys collected pursuant to this act is adequate; (3) the status of wireless enhanced 911 implementation; and (4) the need and level of continued funding of the wireless enhanced 911 service system. The audit shall be in accordance with a scope statement authorized and approved by the legislative post audit committee and shall be conducted in accordance with article 11 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.
- During the calendar year 2008, the division of post audit shall conduct an audit of the wireless enhanced 911 service system, the VoIP enhanced 911 service system, as defined in section 2, and amendments thereto, and the landline emergency telephone service system to determine: (1) Whether moneys received by municipalities pursuant to the wireless enhanced 911 act and the VoIP enhanced 911 act are being used appropriately; (2) the amount of moneys collected pursuant to this act and the VoIP enhanced 911 act is adequate; (3) the status of wireless enhanced 911 and VoIP enhanced 911 implementation; and (4) the need and level of continued funding of the wireless enhanced 911 service system, the VoIP enhanced 911 service system and the landline emergency telephone service system. The audit shall be in accordance with a scope statement authorized and approved by the legislative post audit committee and shall be conducted in accordance with article 11 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. The audit report shall be submitted to the legislature at the commencement of the regular session of the legislature in 2009.
- Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 19-101a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-101a. (a) The board of county commissioners may transact all county business and perform all powers of local legislation and administration it deems appropriate, subject only to the following limitations,

1 restrictions or prohibitions:

- (1) Counties shall be subject to all acts of the legislature which apply uniformly to all counties.
 - (2) Counties may not consolidate or alter county boundaries.
 - (3) Counties may not affect the courts located therein.
- (4) Counties shall be subject to acts of the legislature prescribing limits of indebtedness.
- (5) In the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration authorized under provisions of this section, the home rule power conferred on cities to determine their local affairs and government shall not be superseded or impaired without the consent of the governing body of each city within a county which may be affected.
- (6) Counties may not legislate on social welfare administered under state law enacted pursuant to or in conformity with public law No. 271—74th congress, or amendments thereof.
- (7) Counties shall be subject to all acts of the legislature concerning elections, election commissioners and officers and their duties as such officers and the election of county officers.
- (8) Counties shall be subject to the limitations and prohibitions imposed under K.S.A. 12-187 to 12-195, inclusive, and amendments thereto, prescribing limitations upon the levy of retailers' sales taxes by counties.
- (9) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in statutes made nonuniform in application solely by reason of authorizing exceptions for counties having adopted a charter for county government.
- (10) No county may levy ad valorem taxes under the authority of this section upon real property located within any redevelopment project area established under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1772, and amendments thereto, unless the resolution authorizing the same specifically authorized a portion of the proceeds of such levy to be used to pay the principal of and interest upon bonds issued by a city under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto.
- (11) Counties shall have no power under this section to exempt from any statute authorizing or requiring the levy of taxes and providing substitute and additional provisions on the same subject, unless the resolution authorizing the same specifically provides for a portion of the proceeds of such levy to be used to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by cities under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto.
- (12) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the provisions of K.S.A. 19-4601 through 19-4625, and amendments thereto.
- (13) Except as otherwise specifically authorized by K.S.A. 12-1,101 through 12-1,109, and amendments thereto, counties may not levy and collect taxes on incomes from whatever source derived.

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- 1 (14) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-2 430, and amendments thereto.
- 3 (15) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-302, 19-502b, 19-503, 19-805 or 19-1202, and amendments thereto. 4
 - (16) (A) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 13-13a26, and amendments thereto.
 - This provision shall expire on June 30, 2005 2006.
- (17) (A) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 8 9 71-301a, and amendments thereto.
 - This provision shall expire on June 30, 2005 2006.
- (18) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-12 15,139, 19-15,140 and 19-15,141, and amendments thereto.
 - (19) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1223, 12-1225, 12-1225a, 12-1225b, 12-1225c and 12-1226, and amendments thereto, or the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1260 through 12-1270 and 12-1276, and amendments thereto.
 - (20) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the provisions of K.S.A. 19-211, and amendments thereto.
 - (21) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the provisions of K.S.A. 19-4001 through 19-4015, and amendments thereto.
 - Counties may not regulate the production or drilling of any oil or gas well in any manner which would result in the duplication of regulation by the state corporation commission and the Kansas department of health and environment pursuant to chapter 55 and chapter 65 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Counties may not require any license or permit for the drilling or production of oil and gas wells. Counties may not impose any fee or charge for the drilling or production of any oil or gas well.
 - (23) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-41a04, and amendments thereto.
- (24) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-31 32 1611, and amendments thereto.
 - (25) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-1494, and amendments thereto.
- 35 (26) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 19-202, and amendments thereto. 36
 - (27) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto.
- 39 (28) Counties may not levy or impose an excise, severance or any 40 other tax in the nature of an excise tax upon the physical severance and production of any mineral or other material from the earth or water. 41
- (29) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-42 2017 or 79-2101, and amendments thereto.

- (30) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 2-3302, 2-3305, 2-3307, 2-3318, 17-5904, 17-5908, 47-1219, 65-171d, or 65-1,178 through 65-1,199 or K.S.A. 1998 Supp. 17-5909, and amendments thereto.
- (31) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 80-121, and amendments thereto.
- 7 (32) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-8 228, and amendments thereto.
 - (33) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the wireless enhanced 911 act, in the VoIP enhanced 911 act or in the provisions of K.S.A. 12-5301 through 12-5308, and amendments thereto.
 - (34) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 26-601, and amendments thereto.
 - (b) Counties shall apply the powers of local legislation granted in subsection (a) by resolution of the board of county commissioners. If no statutory authority exists for such local legislation other than that set forth in subsection (a) and the local legislation proposed under the authority of such subsection is not contrary to any act of the legislature, such local legislation shall become effective upon passage of a resolution of the board and publication in the official county newspaper. If the legislation proposed by the board under authority of subsection (a) is contrary to an act of the legislature which is applicable to the particular county but not uniformly applicable to all counties, such legislation shall become effective by passage of a charter resolution in the manner provided in K.S.A. 19-101b, and amendments thereto.
 - (c) Any resolution adopted by a county which conflicts with the restrictions in subsection (a) is null and void.
 - Sec. 16. K.S.A. 66-2008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-2008. On or before January 1, 1997, the commission shall establish the Kansas universal service fund, hereinafter referred to as the KUSF.
 - (a) The commission shall require every telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility $\frac{1}{2}$ and, wireless telecommunications service provider and voice over internet protocol (VoIP) service provider that provides intrastate telecommunications services to contribute to the KUSF on an equitable and nondiscriminatory basis. Any telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility $\frac{1}{2}$ or, wireless telecommunications service provider or VoIP service providers which contributes to the KUSF may collect from customers an amount equal to such carrier's, utility's or provider's contribution, but such carrier, provider or utility may collect a lesser amount from its customer.

Any contributions in excess of distributions collected in any reporting year shall be applied to reduce the estimated contribution that would otherwise be necessary for the following year.

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- (b) Pursuant to the federal act, distributions from the KUSF shall be made in a competitively neutral manner to qualified telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers and, wireless telecommunications providers and VoIP service providers, that are deemed eligible both under subsection (e)(1) of section 214 of the federal act and by the commission.
- (c) The commission shall periodically review the KUSF to determine if the costs of qualified telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers and, wireless telecommunications service providers and VoIP service providers to provide local service justify modification of the KUSF. If the commission determines that any changes are needed, the commission shall modify the KUSF accordingly.
- (d) Any qualified telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or, wireless telecommunications service provider or VoIP service provider may request supplemental funding from the KUSF based upon a percentage increase in access lines over the 12-month period prior to the request. The supplemental funding shall be incurred for the purpose of providing services to and within the service area of the qualified telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or, wireless telecommunications service provider or VoIP service provider. Supplemental funding from the KUSF shall be used for infrastructure expenditures necessary to serve additional customers within the service area of such qualifying utility, provider or carrier. All affected parties shall be allowed to review and verify a request of such a qualified utility, carrier or provider for supplemental funding from the KUSF, and to intervene in any commission proceeding regarding such request. The commission shall issue an order on the request within 120 days of filing. Additional funding also may be requested for: The recovery of shortfalls due to additional rebalancing of rates to continue maintenance of parity with interstate access rates; shortfalls due to changes to access revenue requirements resulting from changes in federal rules; additional investment required to provide universal service and enhanced universal service, deployed subject to subsection (a) of K.S.A. 66-2005, and amendments thereto; and for infrastructure expenditures in response to facility or service requirements established by any legislative, regulatory or judicial authority. Such requests shall be subject to simplified filing procedures and the expedited review procedures, as outlined in the stipulation attached to the order of November 19, 1990 in docket no. 127,140-U (Phase IV).
- (e) Prior to June 30, 2006, for each local exchange carrier electing pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 66-2005, and amendments thereto, to operate under traditional rate of return regulation, all KUSF support, including any adjustment thereto pursuant to this section shall be based

on such carrier's embedded costs, revenue requirements, investments and expenses.

- (f) Additional supplemental funding from the KUSF, other than as provided in subsection (d), may be authorized at the discretion of the commission. However, the commission may require approval of such funding to be based upon a general rate case filing. With respect to any request for additional supplemental funding from the KUSF, the commission shall act expeditiously, but shall not be subject to the 120 day deadline set forth in subsection (d).
- Sec. 17. K.S.A. 66-2009 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-2009. (a) Local exchange carriers that provided switched local exchange services in the state prior to January 1, 1996, or their successors, shall serve as the carrier of last resort in their exchanges and shall be eligible to receive KUSF funding. However, with respect to the Hill City exchange area in which multiple carriers were certified prior to January 1, 1996, the commission's determination, subject to court appeals, shall determine which authorized carrier shall serve as carrier of last resort. The local exchange carrier serving as the carrier of last resort shall remain the carrier of last resort and shall be entitled to recover the costs of serving as carrier of last resort.
- (b) Beginning March 1, 1997, the amount of KUSF funds owed to each qualifying telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or, wireless telecommunications service provider or VoIP provider in the state, based upon the revenue requirements assigned to the funds for such qualifying utility, carrier or provider, shall be allocated by the fund administrator in equal monthly installments.
- Sec. 18. K.S.A. 66-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-2010. (a) The commission shall utilize a competitive bidding process to select a neutral, competent and bonded third party to administer the KUSF.
- (b) The administrator shall be responsible for: (1) Collecting and auditing all relevant information from all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers or, wireless telecommunications service providers or VoIP service providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF; (2) verifying, based on the calculations of each qualifying telecommunications carrier, telecommunications public utility or, wireless telecommunications service provider or VoIP service provider, the obligation of each such qualifying carrier, utility or provider to generate the funds required by the KUSF; (3) collecting all moneys due to the KUSF from all telecommunications public utilities, telecommunications carriers and, wireless telecommunications service providers and VoIP service providers in the state; and (4) distributing amounts on a monthly basis due to qualifying telecommunications public utilities,

wireless telecommunications service providers and, telecommunications carriers and VoIP service providers receiving KUSF funding.

- (c) Any information made available or received by the administrator from carriers, utilities or providers receiving funds from or providing funds to the KUSF shall not be subject to any provisions of the Kansas open records act and shall be considered confidential and proprietary.
- (d) The administrator shall be authorized to maintain an action to collect any funds owed by any telecommunications carrier, public utility or, wireless telecommunications provider or VoIP service provider in the district court in the county of the registered office of such carrier, utility or provider or, if such carrier, utility or provider does not have a registered office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the county where such carrier's, utility's or provider's principal office is located. If such carrier, utility or provider has no principal office in the state, such an action may be maintained in the district court of any county in which such carrier, utility or provider provides service.
- (e) The KUSF administrator shall be responsible to ensure that funds do not fall below the level necessary to pay all amounts collectively owed to all qualifying telecommunications public utilities, wireless telecommunications service providers and, telecommunications carriers and VoIP service providers. The administrator shall have the authority to retain and invest in a prudent and reasonable manner any excess funds collected in any period to help ensure that adequate funds are available to cover amounts payable in other periods.
- (f) (1) Before October 1, 2002, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund created by K.S.A. 2002 Supp. 75-7225, and amendments thereto, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Before October 1, 2003, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount equal to twice the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Before July 1, 2004, and before July 1 of each year thereafter, the chief executive officer of the state board of regents shall certify to the administrator of the KUSF the amount provided by appropriation acts to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year commencing the preceding July 1. Upon receipt of the eertification of the chief executive officer of the state board of regents, the KUSF administrator shall add the amount certified to the amount annually required to fund the KUSF as determined pursuant to subsection (b).
- (2) Commencing January 1, 2003, and until June 30, 2004, on or before the 10th day of each month the administrator of the KUSF shall

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pay from the KUSF to the state treasurer an amount equal to 1/4 of the 1 amount certified by the chief executive officer of the state board of re-2 3 gents pursuant to subsection (f)(1) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003. Commencing July 1, 2004, on or before the 10th day of each month, 4 the administrator of the KUSF shall pay from the KUSF to the state 5 treasurer 1/12 of the amount certified by the chief executive officer of the 6 7 state board of regents pursuant to subsection (a) for the fiscal year pre-8 eeding the fiscal year in which the payment is made. Upon the receipt of 9 the payment, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury and credit it to the KAN-ED fund. Any such payments shall 10 be made after all payments required by K.S.A. 66-2008, and amendments 11 12 thereto, for the month are made from the KUSF. 13

- (3) Amounts appropriated to be expended from the KAN-ED fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2003, shall be based on a budget for only six-months' operations. Amounts appropriated thereafter shall be based on a budget for 12-months' operations.
- 17 (4) Not more than \$10,000,000 shall be paid from the KUSF to the state treasurer pursuant to this subsection (f) in any one fiscal year.
- (5) The provisions of this subsection (f) shall expire on June 30, 2005.
 Thereafter, On and after July 1, 2005, state general fund moneys shall be used to fund the KAN-ED network.
- 22 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 66-2008, 66-2009 and 66-2010 and K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 23 12-5323, 12-5328, 12-5330, 12-5334, 19-101a and 19-101k are hereby 24 repealed.
- Sec. 20. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.