Session of 2005

## SENATE BILL No. 128

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to mineral severance tax; disposition of revenue; creating the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund and providing for distribution of moneys therefrom; amending K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 79-4227 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 79-4227 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-4227. (a) All revenue collected or received by the director from the tax imposed by this act shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury. The state treasurer shall first credit such amount as the director shall order to the mineral production tax refund fund created under subsection (b) of this section. Except as otherwise provided by this section, the state treasurer shall credit the remainder of such amounts as follows: (1) Seven percent to the special county mineral production tax fund created under subsection (c) of this section; and (2) the remainder shall be credited to the state general fund. On and after July 1, 2008, and thereafter, the state treasurer shall credit the remainder of such amounts for oil and gas for any county which in fiscal year 2005 or any fiscal year thereafter had \$100,000 or more in receipts of the excise tax upon the severance and production of oil and gas as follows: (1) Seven percent to the special county mineral production tax fund created under subsection (c); (2) 4.96% from July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund; 7.44% from July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010, to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund; 9.93% from July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund; and 12.41% from July 1, 2011, and thereafter, to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund; and (3) the remainder shall be credited to the state general fund.

(b) A refund fund designated as "mineral production tax refund fund" not to exceed \$50,000 is hereby created for the prompt payment of all tax refunds. The mineral production tax refund fund shall be in such amount, within the limit set by this section, as the director shall determine

is necessary to meet current refunding requirements under this act.

- (c) There is hereby created a special county mineral production tax fund. On December 1, 1983, and quarterly thereafter, the director of taxation shall distribute all moneys credited to such fund to the county treasurers of all counties in which taxes were levied under K.S.A. 79-4217, and amendments thereto, for the severing and producing of coal, oil or gas from property within the county, in the proportion that the taxes levied upon production in each county bears to the total of all of such taxes levied in all of such counties. Such distribution shall be based on returns filed, with any adjustments or corrections thereto made by the director of taxation.
- (d) The secretary of revenue shall make provision for the determination of the counties within which taxes are levied under K.S.A. 79-4217, and amendments thereto, for the severance of coal, oil or gas and shall certify the same to the director of accounts and reports.
- (e) The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the county treasurer of each county entitled to payment from the special county mineral production tax fund upon vouchers approved by the director of taxation. Upon receipt of such warrant, each county treasurer shall credit 50% of the amount thereof to the county general fund and shall distribute the remaining 50% thereof to the treasurer of each school district all or any portion of which is located within the county in the proportion that the assessed value of coal, oil and gas properties within each district bears to the total of the assessed value of all coal, oil and gas properties within the county. Such assessed valuation shall be determined upon the basis of the most recent November 1 tax roll. The treasurer of each school district shall credit the entire amount of the moneys so received to the general fund of the school district.

New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund. The director of taxation shall administer the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund. All amounts credited to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-4227, and amendments thereto, shall be credited to a separate trust account which shall be established within such fund for each county which in fiscal year 2005 or any fiscal year thereafter had \$100,000 or more in receipts of the excise tax upon the severance and production of oil and gas. Each county's trust account shall be credited in the proportion that the amount of oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund receipts collected from that county bears to the total amount of moneys credited to the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund pursuant to K.S.A. 79-4227, and amendments thereto. Commencing July 1, 2008, and thereafter on an annual basis, such moneys shall remain credited in

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such account in trust for such county for distributions pursuant to this section.

**(b)** For any tax year that the oil and gas leasehold ad valorem valuation of any county, which has a trust account established and maintained in the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund as provided by this section, is less than 50% of the oil and gas leasehold ad valorem valuation of such county for the second succeeding tax year which commences January 1 following the end of the fiscal year in which the county had \$100,000 or more in receipts of the excise tax upon the production of oil and gas and the county had a trust account established in the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund as provided by this section, as certified by the property valuation division, on or before January 15 of the year following such tax year, the director of taxation shall distribute 20% of the moneys credited to such county's trust account to the county treasurer of such county. In any year in which a county's oil and gas leasehold valuation is 50% or more of the oil and gas leasehold valuation of such county for tax year as described in this subsection, such county shall not receive a distribution of trust moneys pursuant to this section for such tax year. On an annual basis, the director of taxation shall certify to the director of accounts and reports the counties entitled to a distribution pursuant to this section. The director of accounts and reports shall draw warrants on the state treasurer payable to the county treasurer of each county entitled to payment from such county's trust account in the oil and gas valuation depletion trust fund upon vouchers approved by the director of taxation.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 79-4227 is hereby repealed.

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