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HOUSE BILL No. 2931

By Representative Horst

9 AN ACT concerning eminent domain; amending K.S.A. 26-507 and re-10 pealing the existing section. 11 12Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas: 13 Section 1. K.S.A. 26-507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 26-14507. (a) Payment of award; vesting of rights. If the plaintiff desires to 15continue with the proceeding as to particular tracts it shall the plaintiff, 16within thirty (30) 30 days from the time the appraisers' report is filed, 17*shall* pay to the clerk of the district court the amount of the appraisers' 18award as to those particular tracts and court costs accrued to date, in-19cluding appraisers' fees. Such payment shall be without prejudice to plain-20tiff's right to appeal from the appraisers' award. Upon such payment being 21made the title, easement or interest appropriated in the land condemned 22 shall thereupon immediately vest in the plaintiff, and it shall be entitled 23 to the immediate possession of the land to the extent necessary for the 24 purpose for which taken and consistent with the title, easement or interest 25condemned. At least three days prior to the plaintiff paying to the clerk 26 the amount of the appraiser's award and title vesting in the plaintiff pur-27 suant to this section, the plaintiff shall give written notice to all defendants 28that any personal property of the defendant's shall be removed from the 29 property within such three-day time period. The plaintiff shall be entitled 30 to all the remedies provided by law for the securing of such possession. 31(b) Abandonment. If the plaintiff does not make the payment pre-32 scribed in subsection (a) hereof for any of the tracts described in the 33 petition, within thirty (30) 30 days, from the time the appraisers' report 34 is filed, the condemnation is abandoned as to those tracts, and judgment 35 for costs, including the appraisers' fees together with judgment in favor 36 of the defendant for his the reasonable expenses incurred in defense of 37 the action, shall be entered against the plaintiff. After such payment is 38 made by the plaintiff to the clerk of the court, as provided in subsection 39 (a) hereof, the proceedings as to those tracts for which payment has been 40 made can only be abandoned by the mutual consent of the plaintiff and 41the parties interested in the award. 42Sec. 2. K.S.A. 26-507 is hereby repealed.

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1 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

2 publication in the statute book.