HOUSE BILL No. 2987

By Committee on Taxation

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9 AN ACT concerning taxation; authorizing counties to impose an excise
10 tax on removal and severance of aggregate; amending K.S.A. 2005
11 Supp. 12-194 and 19-101a and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) As used in this section:

- (1) "Aggregate" means rock and rock materials removed by an operator from a quarrying operation for sale at retail or wholesale or gravel removed from or processed from rock removed by an operator from a quarrying operation for sale at retail or wholesale;
- (2) "gross amount" means the amount in total weight of the aggregate which was removed from the soil for sale at retail or wholesale;
- (3) "operator" means the person primarily responsible for the management or operation of aggregate production from a lease, production unit or quarry or pit;
- (4) "person" means any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, joint venture, estate, trust or other association of persons;
- (5) "producer" means any person owning, controlling, managing or leasing any aggregate pits, quarries or operations of land from which aggregate is removed, any person who severs in any manner such aggregate, and includes any person owning any direct or beneficial interest in the aggregate quarry or pit whether severed by such person or another person pursuant to a lease, contract or otherwise and includes a royalty owner;
- (6) "removal" or "removed" means the physical transportation of aggregate off the lease or production unit or from the quarry or pit where severed. If manufacture or conversion of the aggregate into a refined product occurs on the premises where severed, the aggregate shall be deemed to be removed on the date such manufacture or conversion commences;
- (7) "severance" or "severed" means the production of aggregate through extraction, digging, crushing or removal or withdrawal of aggregate from any land; and
- (8) "taxpayer" means any person liable for the taxes imposed by this section.
 - (b) The governing body of any county may adopt a resolution impos-

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ing an excise tax upon the removal or severance of aggregate from land, quarries or pits within the county by producers for sale at retail or wholesale or for transport, storage, profit or commercial use at not to exceed 20 cents per ton of aggregate removed or severed subject to the provisions of this section. Such resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If within 30 days of the final publication of a resolution adopted pursuant to this subsection, a petition signed by a number of electors of the county equal to not less than 5% of the number of qualified electors of the county shall be filed in the office of the county election officer demanding that such resolution be submitted to a vote of the electors, the resolution shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by the electors. An election if called, shall be called within 30 days and held within 45 days after the filing of the petition. The board, by resolution, shall call the election and fix the date. Such resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper, and the election shall be conducted in the same manner as are elections for officers of such county. Such election may be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mail ballot election act.

- (c) The tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be borne ratably by all producers in proportion to the producer's respective beneficial interest in the aggregate removed or severed.
- (d) The tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be upon the removing or severing of aggregate within the county, regardless of the place of sale of such aggregate or to whom sold or by whom used, or the fact that the delivery of such aggregate may be to points outside of the county.
- Any such county imposing an excise tax on aggregate pursuant to this section is prohibited from administering or collecting such tax locally, but shall utilize the services of the department of revenue. The secretary of revenue shall administer, enforce and collect any excise tax imposed pursuant to this section and shall adopt such rules and regulations necessary for the efficient and effective administration, enforcement and collection thereof. The state director of taxation shall cause such taxes to be collected within the boundaries of any county which imposes an excise tax pursuant to this section. All moneys collected by the director of taxation pursuant to the provisions of this section 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 to the credit of the county aggregate production tax fund, which fund is hereby established in the state treasury. Any refund due on any tax collected pursuant to this section shall be paid out of the county aggregate production tax refund fund and reimbursement to such fund shall be made by the di-

rector of taxation from collections of the tax revenue. All moneys collected pursuant to this section for each county which imposes such an excise tax shall be remitted at least quarterly by the state treasurer to the county treasurer of such county.

- (f) The amount of the tax payable each month under the provisions of this section, shall be due and payable on or before the 20th day of the second month following the end of the month in which the aggregate is removed from the lease or production unit. The tax is upon the producers of such aggregate in the proportion to their respective beneficial interests at the time of severance, but the operator of the lease or production unit may remit the tax as provided in this section. The producer or the operator shall collect the total amount of tax due and shall remit the same to the director. In no event shall a producer be relieved of responsibility for the tax until such tax has been paid. The county shall have a lien on all the aggregate severed in the county in the hands of the operator, any producer or the first or any subsequent purchaser thereof to secure the payment of the tax. In the event any taxpayer required by this section to pay the tax fails to do so, the director shall proceed against such taxpayer to collect the tax in the manner provided by K.S.A. 79-3235, and amendments thereto.
- (g) All producers of aggregate in a county which has imposed a tax as provided in this section shall keep a record of the gross amount of the weight of aggregate which was removed or severed and any other information required by the secretary of revenue. Such producers shall file such record with the director of taxation every 60 days. Such records shall at all times during business hours of the day be available for and subject to inspection by the director of taxation or the director's duly authorized agents and employees, for a period of three years from the last day of the calendar year to which the records pertain. Such records shall be preserved during the entire period during which such records are subject to inspection by the director.
- (h) If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 12-194 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-194. No city or county shall levy or impose an excise tax or a tax in the nature of an excise, other than a retailers' sales tax and a compensating use tax, upon the sale or transfer of personal or real property, or the use thereof, or the rendering of a service, but the provisions of this section shall not be construed as prohibiting any city from (a) contracting with a utility for a fixed charge based upon a percentage of gross receipts

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derived from the service permitted by grant, right, privilege or franchise to such utility; (b) imposing an occupation tax or license fee for the priv-2 3 ilege of engaging in any business, trade, occupation or profession, or rendering or furnishing any service, but the determination of any such license fee shall not be based upon any amount the licensee has received from the sale or transfer of personal or real property, or for the rendering or 6 furnishing of a service, or on the income of the licensee; or (c) levying any occupation tax or license fee imposed by such city prior to the effec-9 tive date of this act; or (d) imposing an excise tax on the removal or severance of aggregate pursuant to the provisions of section 1, and amend-10 ments thereto. No license fee described in subsection (b) of this section 12 shall be imposed upon any utility contracting with and subject to a charge, 13 described in subsection (a) of this section, by such city.

- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2005 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, restrictions or prohibitions:
- (1) Counties shall be subject to all acts of the legislature which apply uniformly to all counties.
 - Counties may not consolidate or alter county boundaries.
 - Counties may not affect the courts located therein.
 - Counties shall be subject to acts of the legislature prescribing limits of indebtedness.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 42 (10) No county may levy ad valorem taxes under the authority of this 43 section upon real property located within any redevelopment project area

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established under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1772, and amendments thereto, unless the resolution authorizing the same specifically authorized 2 3 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. 4 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.
- 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.
- (14) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-430, and amendments thereto.
- (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.
- 22 (16) (A) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 13-13a26, and amendments thereto. 23
 - (B) This provision shall expire on June 30, 2006.
 - (17) (A) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 71-301a, and amendments thereto.
 - This provision shall expire on June 30, 2006.
 - (18) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-15,139, 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.
 - 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 amendments thereto, and any rules and regulations adopted pursuant thereto. Counties may not require any li-

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cense 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 3 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. 79-1611, and amendments thereto.
- 8 (25) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-9 1494, and amendments thereto.
 - (26) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 19-202, and amendments thereto.
- (27) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto. 13
 - (28) Counties may not levy or impose an excise, severance or any 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, except that counties may levy or impose an excise tax on the removal or severance of aggregate pursuant to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto.
- 20 (29) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 79-21 2017 or 79-2101, and amendments thereto.
- 22 (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, 65-23 1,178 through 65-1,199, and amendments thereto. 24
 - (31) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 80-121, and amendments thereto.
 - (32) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 19-228, and amendments thereto.
- 29 (33) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the wireless enhanced 911 act or in the provisions of K.S.A. 12-5301 through 12-5308, 30 and amendments thereto. 31
- (34) Counties may not exempt from or effect changes in K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 26-601, and amendments thereto. 33
 - (35) (A) From and after November 15, 2005, counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the Kansas liquor control act except as provided by paragraph (B).
 - (B) From and after November 15, 2005, counties may adopt resolutions which are not in conflict with the Kansas liquor control act.
- (36) (A) From and after November 15, 2005, counties may not exempt from or effect changes in the Kansas cereal malt beverage act except 40 as provided by paragraph (B).
- (B) From and after November 15, 2005, counties may adopt resolu-42 tions which are not in conflict with the Kansas cereal malt beverage act.

- (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.
- 13 (c) Any resolution adopted by a county which conflicts with the re-14 strictions in subsection (a) is null and void.
 - Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 12-194 and 19-101a are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.