HOUSE BILL No. 2713

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT relating to cemetery corporations; providing for certain enforcement actions by the secretary of state; amending K.S.A. 16-326 and repealing the existing section.

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

New Section 1. (a) The attorney general, at the request of the secretary of state, may initiate an action for an accounting of the accounts required under K.S.A. 17-1308 through 17-1319, and amendments thereto, by the trustee, including, but not limited to, certificates of deposits, savings accounts or permanent maintenance funds.

- (b) If it is determined that the permanent maintenance fund is underfunded due to inadequate deposits or unauthorized distributions, the cemetery corporation may propose and implement a plan for correcting the fund's deficiencies, subject to the approval of the secretary of state.
- (c) In addition to other provisions and authority granted under law, the secretary of state shall have the authority to equitably resolve the results of an audit.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 16-326 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16-326. (a) In the event the secretary of state determines that moneys have been improperly paid by the trustee to the cemetery corporation during the period covered by the audit, then the secretary may order the cemetery corporation to redeposit to the trust such moneys improperly withdrawn within 60 days.
- (b) The attorney general, at the request of the secretary of state, may initiate an action for an accounting of the cemetery merchandise trust fund by the trustee.
- (c) If it is determined that the cemetery merchandise trust fund is underfunded due to inadequate deposits or unauthorized distributions, the cemetery corporation may propose and implement a plan for correcting the fund's deficiencies, subject to the approval of the secretary of state.
- (d) In addition to other provisions and authority granted under law, the secretary of state shall have the authority to equitably resolve the results of an audit.
 - Sec. 3. K.S.A. 16-326 is hereby repealed.

- 1 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 2 publication in the Kansas register.