SENATE BILL No. 548

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to technical colleges; authority of county or counties to impose and levy sales and property taxes for support thereof; procedures.

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

Section 1. (a) The board of county commissioners of any county where a technical college established under the laws of this state is located or county which is part of the service territory of such technical college may adopt a resolution imposing a retailers' sales tax at a rate up to 1%, or levy an annual tax of not more than two mills on the dollar on all real property within such county, or a combination of both, for the purpose of supporting a technical college located within such county or county which is part of the service territory of such technical college. Such resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper.

Except as provided in this section, the sales tax authorized by this section shall be administered, enforced and collected in the same manner and by the same procedure as other countywide retailers' sales taxes are levied and collected and shall be in addition to any other sales tax authorized by law. Upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution authorizing the levy of a countywide retailers' sales tax pursuant to this act, the state director of taxation shall cause such tax to be collected within and outside the boundaries of any such county at the same time and in the same manner provided for the collection of the state retailers' sales tax and local retailers' sales tax. All retailers' sales tax moneys collected by the director of taxation under the provisions of 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 to the credit of the county technical college support retailers' sales tax fund which fund is hereby established in the state treasury. Any refund due on any retailers' sales tax collected pursuant to this act shall be paid out of the sales tax refund fund and reimbursed by the director of taxation from retailers' sales tax revenue collected pursuant to this act. All retailers' sales tax revenue collected within any county pursuant to this act shall be remitted

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at least quarterly by the state treasurer, on instruction from the director of taxation, to the treasurer of any such county which authorized such sales tax.

- (c) If within 30 days of the final publication of a resolution adopted pursuant to subsection (a), 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, it 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 demanding such election. 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. The proposition shall be: "Shall the county be authorized to impose a countywide retailers' sales tax of ___% or levy an annual property _ mills, or combination of both, for purposes of supporting tax of _ _ Technical College?"
- (d) The board of county commissioners shall be required to submit to a referendum the question of imposing a retailers' sales tax or levying an annual tax on real property within such county, or both, authorized by the provisions of subsection (a), upon the receipt of a petition signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of such county. If a majority of the electors voting thereon at such election shall approve the proposed retailers' sales tax or levy on real property, or both, the board of county commissioners of such county shall then provide by resolution for the imposition of such retailers' sales tax or levy of such annual tax on real property, or both. An election held under the provisions of this section shall be scheduled and conducted in the same manner as if a resolution was being submitted to the electors.
- (e) All revenue received by the county shall be used solely for the purpose of support of the technical college located within such county or technical college in which such county is part of the service territory, including buildings, equipment and repair of such buildings and education programs.
- (f) Counties within the service territory of a technical college pursuant to interlocal agreement pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2901 et seq., and amendments thereto, may cooperate to provide support for such technical college pursuant to the provisions of this act.
- (g) Any tax adopted under the provisions of this section shall continue in effect until amended or repealed by a resolution of the board of county

- commissioners which has been adopted under the provisions of this act.
- 2 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.