

SENATE BILL No. 244

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to approval of budgets;
2 requiring certain notifications; amending K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A.
3 2014 Supp. 79-2925b and repealing the existing sections.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 79-2925b. (a) Without a majority vote so providing, the governing
8 body of any municipality shall not approve any appropriation or budget, as
9 the case requires, which may be funded by revenue produced from
10 property taxes, and which provides for funding with such revenue in an
11 amount exceeding that of the next preceding year, adjusted to reflect
12 changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published
13 by the United States department of labor for the preceding calendar year. If
14 the total tangible property valuation in any municipality increases from the
15 next preceding year due to increases in the assessed valuation of existing
16 tangible property and such increase exceeds changes in the consumer price
17 index, the governing body shall lower the amount of ad valorem tax to be
18 levied to the amount of ad valorem tax levied in the next preceding year,
19 adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index. This subsection
20 shall not apply to ad valorem taxes levied under K.S.A. 72-6431, 76-6b01
21 and 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and any other ad valorem tax levy
22 which was previously approved by the voters of such municipality.
23 Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, nothing herein shall
24 prohibit a municipality from increasing the amount of ad valorem tax to be
25 levied if the municipality approves the increase with a majority vote of the
26 governing body and publishes such vote as provided in subsection (c).

27 (b) Revenue that, in the current year, is produced and attributable to
28 the taxation of:

- 29 (1) New improvements to real property;
30 (2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased
31 valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes;
32 (3) property located within added jurisdictional territory; or
33 (4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when
34 determining whether revenue produced from property has increased from
35 the next preceding year.

36 (c) In the event the governing body votes to approve any

1 appropriation or budget, as the case requires, which may be funded by
2 revenue produced from property taxes, and which provides for funding
3 with such revenue in an amount exceeding that of the next preceding year
4 as provided in subsection (a), notice of such vote shall be published ~~in the~~
5 ~~official county newspaper of the county where such municipality is located~~
6 *within 30 days following the adoption of such budget in a weekly or daily*
7 *newspaper of the county having a general circulation therein. A*
8 *municipality located in more than one county shall publish notice of such*
9 *vote in a weekly or daily newspaper of the municipality having a general*
10 *circulation therein and for a period of not less than 10 days on the official*
11 *website of the county of greatest valuation of the municipality or, in the*
12 *absence thereof, on a website designated by the secretary of*
13 *administration.*

14 (d) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all fiscal and
15 budget years commencing on and after the effective date of this act.

16 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to revenue received
17 from property tax levied for the sole purpose of repayment of the principal
18 of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes and no-fund
19 warrants.

20 (f) For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any political
21 subdivision of the state which levies an ad valorem tax on property and
22 includes, but is not limited to, any county, township, municipal university,
23 school district, community college, drainage district or other taxing
24 district. "Municipality" shall not include any such political subdivision or
25 taxing district which receives \$1,000 or less in revenue from property
26 taxes in the current year.

27 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-2929 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-
28 2929. Prior to the filing of the adopted budget with the county clerk, the
29 governing body of each taxing or political subdivision or municipality
30 shall meet for the purpose of answering and hearing objections of
31 taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for the purpose of
32 considering amendments to such proposed budget. The governing body
33 shall give at least 10 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting by
34 publication in a weekly or daily newspaper of the county having a general
35 circulation therein. *A taxing or political subdivision or municipality*
36 *located in more than one county shall give at least 10 days' notice of the*
37 *time and place of the meeting by publication in a weekly or daily*
38 *newspaper of the municipality having general circulation therein and for a*
39 *period of not less than 10 days on the official county website of the county*
40 *of greatest valuation of the municipality or, in the absence thereof, on a*
41 *website designated by the secretary of administration.* Such notice shall
42 include the proposed budget and shall set out all essential items in the
43 budget except such groupings as designated by the director of accounts

1 and reports on a special publication form prescribed by the director of
2 accounts and reports and furnished with the regular budget form. The
3 notice of a governing body of any taxing subdivision or municipality
4 having an annual expenditure of \$500 or less shall specify the time and
5 place of the meeting required by this section but shall not be required to
6 include the proposed budget of such taxing subdivision or municipality.

7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b are hereby
8 repealed.

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