Session of 2012

## HOUSE BILL No. 2710

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to time for payment of
 taxes; persons 65 years of age and older; amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp.
 79-2004 and 79-2004a 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. 2011 Supp. 79-2004 is hereby amended to read as 7 follows: 79-2004. (a) Except as provided by K.S.A. 79-4521, and 8 amendments thereto, any person charged with real property taxes on the tax books in the hands of the county treasurer may pay, at such person's 9 option, the full amount thereof on or before December 20 of each year, or 10  $\frac{1}{2}$  thereof on or before December 20 and the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  on or before 11 12 May 10 next ensuing; or for any person who is 65 years of age or older on 13 or before December of any year and who is charged with real property 14 taxes on such person's principal place of residence may pay, at such 15 person's option, the full amount thereon on or before December 20 of each year, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  thereof on or before May 10 next ensuing, or  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof on or 16 17 before December 20,  $\frac{1}{4}$  on or before February 10 next ensuing,  $\frac{1}{4}$  on or 18 before April 10 next ensuing and the remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  on or before May 10 19 *next ensuing*. If the full amount of the real property taxes listed upon any 20 tax statement is \$10 or less the entire amount of such tax shall be due and 21 pavable on or before December 20.

22 In case the first half of the real property taxes remains unpaid after 23 December 20, the first half of the tax shall draw interest at the rate 24 prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, plus two 25 percentage points, per annum and may be paid at any time prior to May 10 following by paying  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the tax together with interest at such rate from 26 27 December 20 to date of payment. In case any of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  payments of real 28 property taxes remain unpaid by a person 65 years of age or older as described in subsection (a) after December 20, February 10 or April 10, 29 30 such amount of unpaid taxes shall draw interest at the rate prescribed by 31 K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, plus two percentage points, per 32 annum and may be paid at any time prior to May 10 following by paying 33 such amount of unpaid taxes together with interest at such rate from the 34 date of the missed payment to the date of payment. Subject to the 35 provisions of subsection (d), all real property taxes of the preceding year and accrued interest thereon which remain due and unpaid on May 11 shall 36

1 accrue interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments

2 thereto, plus two percentage points, per annum from May 10 until paid, or 3 until the real property is sold for taxes by foreclosure as provided by law.

Except as provided by subsection (c), all interest herein provided shall be
credited to the county general fund, and whenever any such interest is paid
the county treasurer shall enter the amount of interest so paid on the tax
rolls in the proper column and account for such sum.

8 (b) Whenever any date prescribed in subsection (a) for the payment 9 of real property taxes occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, such date for 10 payment shall be extended until the next-following regular business day of 11 the office of the county treasurer.

(c) The board of county commissioners may enter into an agreement
 with the governing body of any city located in the county for the
 distribution of part or all of the interest paid on special assessments levied
 by the city which remain unpaid.

16 (d) All real property taxes of any year past due and unpaid on the 17 effective date of this section and interest accrued thereon pursuant to this 18 section prior to its amendment by this act shall draw interest at the rate 19 prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, plus two 20 percentage points, per annum from the effective date of this section until 21 paid or until the real property is sold for taxes by foreclosure as provided 22 by law.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 79-2004a is hereby amended to read 24 as follows: 79-2004a. (a) (1) Any taxpayer charged with personal property 25 taxes on the tax books in the hands of the county treasurer may at such 26 taxpayer's option pay the full amount thereof on or before December 20 of 27 each year, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  thereof on or before December 20 and the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$ 28 thereof on or before May 10 next ensuing; any taxpaver who is 65 years 29 of age or older on or before December 20 of any year and who is charged 30 with personal property taxes on personal property which is such 31 taxpaver's principal place of residence may pay, at the taxpaver's option, 32 the full amount thereof on or before December 20, or  $\frac{1}{2}$  thereof on or 33 before December 20 and the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  thereof on or before May 10 next ensuing, or  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof on or before December 20,  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof on or 34 before February 10 next ensuing, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> thereof on or before April 10 next 35 ensuing and the remaining  $\frac{1}{4}$  thereof on or before May 10 next ensuing; 36 37 except that: (1) all unpaid personal property taxes of the preceding year 38 must first be paid; and (2) if the full amount of the personal property taxes 39 listed upon any tax statement shall be \$10 or less the entire amount of such 40 taxes shall be due and payable on or before December 20.

41 *(2)* In the event anyone charged with personal property taxes shall fail 42 to pay the first half amount due thereof on or before December 20 date of 43 *payment*, the full amount thereof shall become immediately due and 1 payable.

2 (3) In case the first half of the taxes remains unpaid after December 3 20, the entire and full amount of personal property taxes charged shall draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments 4 5 thereto, plus two percentage points, per annum from December 20 to date of payment. In case any of the  $\frac{1}{4}$  payments of personal property taxes 6 7 remain unpaid by a person 65 years of age or older as described in this 8 subsection after December 20, February 10 or April 10, such amount of unpaid taxes shall draw interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, 9 10 and amendments thereto, plus two percentage points, per annum and may be paid at any time prior to May 10 following by paying such amount of 11 12 unpaid taxes together with interest at such rate from the date of the missed payment to the date of payment. Subject to the provisions of subsection (c) 13 all personal property taxes of the preceding year and interest thereon 14 15 which shall remain due and unpaid on May 11 shall draw interest at the 16 rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, plus two 17 percentage points, per annum from May 10 until paid. All interest herein provided for shall be credited to the county general fund and retained by 18 19 the county, and whenever any such interest is paid, the county treasurer 20 shall enter the amount of interest so paid on the tax rolls in the proper 21 column and account for such sum.

(b) Whenever any date prescribed in subsection (a) for the payment of personal property taxes occurs on a Saturday or Sunday, such date for payment shall be extended until the next-following regular business day of the office of the county treasurer.

(c) All personal property taxes of any year past due and unpaid on the
effective date of this section and interest accrued thereon pursuant to this
section prior to its amendment by this act shall draw interest at the rate
prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, plus two
percentage points, per annum from the effective date of this section until
paid.

32 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 79-2004 and 79-2004a are hereby 33 repealed.

34 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 35 publication in the statute book.

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