SENATE BILL No. 385

By Senator Steineger

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1 AN ACT concerning certain county officers; amending K.S.A. 19-304, 19-2 305, 19-306, 19-309, 19-310, 19-311, 19-312, 19-315, 19-318, 19-322, 3 19-323, 19-324, 19-502a, 19-506, 19-506a, 19-507, 19-508, 19-508a, 4 19-508b, 19-509, 19-510, 19-510a, 19-511, 19-514, 19-515, 19-516, 5 19-517, 19-518, 19-519, 19-520, 19-521, 19-524, 19-525, 19-531, 19-6 532, 19-533, 19-534, 19-535, 19-547, 19-548, 19-1204, 19-1205, 19-7 1206, 19-1209, 19-1210, 19-1211, 19-1213, 19-1216, 19-1217, 19-1218 8 and 19-1219 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 19-1207 and repealing the existing 9 sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) The board of county commissioners may establish by passage of a resolution the duties of the county clerks, the county treasurer and the county register of deeds.

- (b) the provisions of K.S.A. 12-3901 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to actions of the board taken under this section.
- (c) under provisions of this act "board" means the board of county commissioners.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-304 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-304. The county elerk *officer designated by the board* shall:
 - (a) Keep the elerk's office at the county seat;
- (b) attend the sessions of the board of county commissioners, either in person or by deputy;
 - (c) keep the seals, records and papers of the board of commissioners;
- (d) sign the records of the proceedings of the board of commissioners, and attest the same with the seal of the county; and
- (e) have the general powers of a notary public in the performance of all notarial acts.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 19-305 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-305. It shall be the general duty of the county elerk officer designated by the board: First, to record, in a book to be provided for that purpose, all proceedings of the board; second, to make regular entries of their resolutions and decisions in all questions concerning the raising of money; third, to record the vote of each commissioner on any question submitted to the board, if required by any member; fourth, to sign all orders issued by the board for the payment of money; fifth, to preserve and file all

accounts acted upon by the board, with their action thereon; and he shall perform such special duties as are required of him by law.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 19-306 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-306. It shall be the duty of such elerk the officer designated by the board to designate, upon every account which shall be audited and allowed by the board, the amount so allowed. Such elerk officer shall also deliver to any person who may demand it, a certified copy of any record in such elerk's officer's office, or any account on file therein, on receiving from such person a fee in accordance with a schedule of fees established pursuant to subsection (c) of K.S.A. 45-219, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 19-309 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-309. The elerk officer designated by the board of each county shall, as often as a new township shall be organized in his the county, or the boundaries of any township therein shall be altered, and immediately thereafter, make out and transmit to the secretary of state a certified statement of the names and boundaries of the township so organized, and of the boundaries of any township the boundaries of which shall have been altered.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 19-310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-310. It shall be the duty of the county elerk officer designated by the board to record in a proper book, to be called the "road record," a record of all proceedings in regard to laying out and establishing roads in the county, which said record shall include the report of the commissioners and surveyor locating such roads, and maps thereof; and such records, or duly certified copies thereof, are hereby declared *prima facie* evidence of the statements therein contained, in the courts of this state.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 19-311 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-311. The county elerk of each county of this state officer designated by the board shall keep a book in which he shall keep the of receipts and expenditures of his the county, and all accounts of his the county with the different county, township, district, and other officers.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 19-312 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-312. The county elerk officer designated by the board, in keeping the accounts of his the county with the county treasurer financial officer, shall charge the county treasurer such financial officer as follows: With the amount of taxes levied and assessed by the state and county, and each city, town, village, township, school district, or any other special tax levied for any purpose in his the county, in each year, and the same shall be kept in separate accounts; with the amount of any sinking funds, in separate accounts; with the amount of money moneys, and with the amount of state, county, township, school, road and city warrants or orders, or other evidences of indebtedness which the county treasurer financial officer may be authorized by law to receive from his the predecessor in such office; with the amount of the taxes on each tax roll, made out and delivered to

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him during his term of office the financial officer; with the amount of the additional assessments made after the tax roll is made out and delivered to the county treasurer financial officer; with the amount of the ten percent 10% penalty added to the taxes after the tenth 10th day of January of each year; with the amount paid by the county for advertising land and town lots for sale for delinquent taxes; with the amounts received on assignments of land and town lots sold to the county for delinquent taxes; with the amount of redemption money on land and town lots sold to the county for delinquent taxes, when the same are redeemed; with the amount of the state school fund received from the state treasurer; with the amount received from the sale of property belonging to the county; with the amount received from the sale of estrays; with the amount received as exemption from military duty in the state militia; with the amount received as fines and forfeitures; with the amount of receipts which the county treasurer financial officer gives for the overplus surplus of county orders received, as required by law; with the amount received for dramshop, tavern, grocery or other license licenses. And, upon presentation of proper vouchers, shall credit him the financial officer as follows:

With the amount of all county, city, town, village, township, schooldistrict or other tax, which has been paid over to the proper authority and receipted therefor; with the amount of county orders received by the county treasurer and returned to the county board and canceled; with the amount paid to the state treasurer and to township trustees, school-district treasurers, city treasurers, or other officers entitled by law to receive the same; with the amount of delinquent taxes and the ten percent 10% penalty thereon, on lands and town lots bid off for the county, together with the cost of advertising the same for sale, which said taxes have been transferred from the tax roll to the book of tax sales; with the amount of double and erroneous assessments of property, except the assessments on lands and town lots which have been sold or entered on the book of tax sales for delinquent taxes; with the amount of percentage fees allowed by law to the county treasurer financial officer for collecting taxes; with the amount of money moneys and the amount of warrants, or orders, or other evidences of indebtedness which the county treasurer financial officer is allowed by law to receive for taxes, which he such financial officer pays over to his the successor in office: with the amount of the taxes uncollected on the tax roll delivered over to his the successor in office.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 19-315 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-315. Whenever any lot or tract of land in any county, located outside of the limits of an incorporated city, upon which a special assessment has been levied for any special improvement, shall, subsequent to such levy or the initiation of said such improvement, and prior to the final payment of such levy, be subdivided, it shall be the duty of the county elerk officer

designated by the board of the county in which such lot or tract of land is located to apportion such assessment to the several pieces of land into which such lot or tract has been subdivided, so that each such piece of land shall be subject to its proper proportion of such assessment, on the basis originally made.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 19-318 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-318. It shall be the duty of the county elerk officer designated by the board to draw orders on the county treasurer financial officer of the proper county from time to time, for any moneys that may have been collected for or that may be due to any city, town, township, school district or other municipal organization in his the county, in favor of the proper person or organization, and shall keep a record of the date and amount of all such orders, and the name of the person to whom given; and in a settlement with the county treasurer, he financial officer shall give him credit for all such orders that have been paid by such treasurer financial officer and filed in his such financial officer's office.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 19-322 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-322. Any farm owner in this state may, upon the payment of one dollar \$1 to the county elerk of the county officer designated by the board in which said the farm is located, have the name of his the farm duly recorded in a register which the county elerk officer designated by the board shall keep for said such purpose, and shall be furnished a certificate, issued under seal, and setting forth the name and location of the farm and the name of the owner.: Provided, That When any name shall have been recorded as the name of any farm, such the name shall not be recorded as the name of any other farm in the same county, except by prefixing or adding designating words thereto.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 19-323 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-323. The county elerks officer designated by the board of the several counties of this state shall biennially, on the fourth Monday of January, prepare and file in the office of the secretary of state a list of the officers of their respective counties elected at the next preceding general election, which list shall contain the genuine signatures of all county officers and an imprint of the official seal of such as are by law required to keep them; and the county elerk officer designated by the board shall certify under the seal of his office that such the signatures and the imprint of such the seals are the genuine signatures and seals of the respective officers, and that they were attached in his such officer's presence.: Provided, That In case of any vacancy in any county office, the county elerk officer designated by the board shall immediately transmit to the secretary of state the genuine signature of the person elected or appointed to fill such vacancy.: Andprovided further, That Any county elerk officer designated by the board failing or refusing to comply with the provisions of this act shall be

 deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10) \$10 nor more than fifty dollars (\$50) \$50.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 19-324 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-324. It shall be the duty of the secretary of state to prepare and forward to the county elerks officers designated by the boards the blanks necessary to carry out the provisions of K.S.A. 19-323, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 19-502a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-502a. The county treasurer financial officer of every county in this state may purchase an insurance policy providing indemnity for, or protection to, said county treasurer such officer, against his liability for the loss, without fault, connivance, or neglect on his part the part of such officer, of money, securities, or other property for which he such officer is accountable, including, but not limited to, loss caused by robbery or burglary. The principal amount of such insurance shall not exceed an amount equal to the greatest amount of cash which was in the hands of the county treasurer financial officer at any one time during the calendar year immediately preceding the year in which such insurance policy is purchased, unless the board of county commissioners shall authorize the purchase of a policy greater in amount. The premium on said such insurance policy shall be paid by the board of county commissioners from the county general fund.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 19-506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-506. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer financial officer to receive all moneys belonging to the county, from whatsoever source they may be derived, and all other moneys which are by law directed to be paid to him or her such officer. In all cases when such payment is made to the county treasurer financial officer by personal check, such check shall be cashed as expeditiously as possible. All money moneys received by him or her such officer for the use of the county shall be paid out by him or her such officer only on the orders of the board of commissioners, according to law, except where special provision for the payment thereof is or shall be otherwise made by law.

It shall be unlawful for a county treasurer financial officer to refuse to submit to a surprise cash count authorized by law.

Refusal by the treasurer financial officer to submit to a surprise cash count shall cause said treasurer such officer to be subject to an ouster proceeding instituted by the county attorney or district attorney.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 19-506a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-506a. All moneys heretofore or hereafter paid to a county in this state by the United States secretary of the interior, in accordance with the provisions of 16 U.S.C.A. § 715s (78 Stat. 701, PL 88-523), which provides for participation by counties in revenues from the national wildlife refuge system, shall be received and placed in a separate fund; and

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 shall be apportioned, credited, and paid by the county treasurer financial officer as follows:

- (1) Seventy-five percent (75%) shall be paid to school districts in the county in proportion to the assessed tangible valuation of school district lands included in the wildlife refuge at the time of their inclusion, as shown by the records of the county clerk or assessor;
- (2) Twenty-five percent (25%) shall be credited to the county road fund

Credits, apportionments and payments shall be made by the county treasurer of the county financial officer within sixty (60) 60 days after the moneys are received from the federal agency. Moneys received by school districts and counties may be expended for the purposes herein authorized during the year received even though not included in the budget of expenditures for such year; but such moneys may be used only for public schools and roads.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 19-507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-507. The said treasurer county financial officer shall keep a just and true account of the receipts and expenditures of all moneys which shall come into his hands by virtue of his such office, in a book or books to be kept by him for that purpose, which books shall be open at all times for the inspection of the board of county commissioners or any member thereof, and to all county and state officers; and at a meeting in October of each year of the said board of commissioners, and at such other time as they may direct, he such officer shall settle with them his such officer's accounts as treasurer, and for that purpose he shall exhibit shall exhibit to them his the books, moneys, accounts; and all vouchers relating to the same, to be audited and allowed.

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 19-508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-508. The October settlement shall include also a settlement of the financial affairs of each city, town, township, school district; or other municipal organization; and at all such settlements the county treasurer financial officer shall file in the office of the county elerk officer designated by the board all receipts and vouchers for any and all money moneys paid out by him such financial officer.

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 19-508a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-508a. Each county treasurer financial officer shall submit each year to the governing body of every city, all or any part of the territory of which is located in the county, a report listing the amounts allocated or paid to each such city during the year, itemized according to the source of moneys distributed. Such report shall be made and submitted by transmission to the clerks of the cities within forty-five (45) 45 days after the end of the calendar year, on forms prescribed by the director of accounts and reports for the purpose.

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Sec. 20. K.S.A. 19-508b is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-508b. Whenever the board of education of any school district shall withdraw any moneys from the funds of the school district which are in the care, custody and control of the county treasurer financial officer, or whenever the county treasurer financial officer shall pay any such moneys to a school district, the county treasurer financial officer shall prepare and transmit with such moneys an itemized statement showing the source of all funds included in the withdrawal or payment. Within thirty (30) 30 days after the end of the fiscal year of each school district, the county treasurer financial officer shall prepare and transmit to the board of education of every school district, any part of the territory of which is located in the county, a report listing the amounts withdrawn by or paid to such school district during the fiscal year, itemized according to the source of moneys distributed. A copy of every such report shall be transmitted to the state board of education within thirty (30) 30 days after the end of each such fiscal year. All reports and statements made in compliance with this section shall be on forms prepared and furnished by the state board of education for the purpose.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 19-509 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-509. Every county treasurer financial officer in this state shall pay for and redeem any county warrant presented to him for redemption at the time of its presentation; and if so paid, shall mark the same "Paid," with red ink, on its face, and the date when paid, at the time of payment, and sign the same.: Provided, There is money then in his possession sufficient to pay the same; and If there is are not sufficient money in his hands moneys on hand to pay such warrant, he such officer shall make a certificate of that fact upon the back of said the warrant, and date and sign the same; and it shall also be the duty of said treasurer the financial officer to set down in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose, the number, amount, and date of all such warrants, to whom made payable, and the date when presented for payment; and all county warrants shall be paid in the order of their presentation for payment as appears by his the register; and it shall be the duty of the county treasurer financial officer, whenever any money comes to his handsmoneys come into such officer's possession, to set apart the amount of the warrants thus presented, which money moneys shall be by him kept until called for, and if not called for previous to the publication of his quarterly statements to be made on the first Mondays of January, April, July and October in each year, he shall embrace the same in his next quarterly statement, fully describing such warrants by giving their number and amount; and interest shall cease on each warrant after suchpublication.

The said treasurer financial officer, when he goes out of leaving such office, shall deliver said the book, containing a list of the county warrants

so presented, to his the financial officer's successor, who shall in all things act as though the entries of warrants were made by himself; but Every county treasurer financial officer shall receive in payment of county taxes the county warrants issued in said the county, which may be presented in payment for such county taxes.

- Sec. 22. K.S.A. 19-510 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-510. The county treasurer financial officer shall, on the receipt of any county order for the payment of taxes, or for other purposes, immediately endorse thereon the date of its receipt, the amount of interest, if any, allowed on the same, and the name of the party by whom the same was paid or delivered to the county treasurer financial officer.
- Sec. 23. K.S.A. 19-510a is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-510a. In all cases when any person shall pay any money into the county treasury he shall take the person shall be given a receipt therefor from the county treasurer.
- Sec. 24. K.S.A. 19-511 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-511. The county treasurer *financial officer* shall take duplicate receipts for all moneys, warrants, orders or other evidences of indebtedness paid out by him in his in such official's official capacity, and forthwith file one of such duplicates with the county elerk officer designated by the board.
- Sec. 25. K.S.A. 19-514 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-514. That It shall be unlawful for any county treasurer, or his financial officer, or the officer's deputies, to buy, directly or indirectly, or in any wise way become a party in the purchase of, or traffic in, any state, county, city or township warrant, bill or account against the state, or county, or any city, or town, or township, for any sum less than the full par value expressed upon the face thereof, except such amounts of said such state, county, or city or township warrants as may be necessary to pay his the taxes; and at each settlement the county treasurer financial officer shall file an affidavit that he the official has not, directly or indirectly, by himself or his-deputies, violated the provisions of this section; and the same shall be filed in the office of the county clerk officer designated by the board, and preserved therein; and any treasurer financial officer who shall swear falsely in any such affidavit shall be guilty of perjury, and on conviction shall be confined in the county jail one year, and his the office declared vacant
- Sec. 26. K.S.A. 19-515 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-515. The county treasurer *financial officer* of each county shall be, by virtue of his *such* office, collector of taxes therein, and shall perform such duties in that regard as are prescribed by law.
- Sec. 27. K.S.A. 19-516 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-516. That It shall be the duty of county treasurers financial officers, upon request, to furnish and deliver by mail or personally, a written statement of

the personal property tax and of the real property tax of the person so requesting: *Provided, however,* That such. *The* request *shall* be made in writing stating the city or township in which said *the* personal property is assessed and a correct description of the real estate assessed.

Sec. 28. K.S.A. 19-517 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-517. That It shall be unlawful for any county treasurer financial officer to make, demand or retain any fee for notifying any person or his such person's agent of the amount of his such person's personal or real property tax, and it shall be unlawful for any county treasurer financial officer to demand or retain any fee for accepting payment through the mail of any personal or real property tax of any person.

Sec. 29. K.S.A. 19-518 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-518. That Where any draft or check remitted to any county treasurer financial officer shall not be paid on presentation, any tax receipt issued to any such person shall be forthwith canceled by the county treasurer on his financial officer on the books noting on his records the record that such receipt is canceled for nonpayment of the check or draft sent in payment thereof.

Sec. 30. K.S.A. 19-519 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-519. That Any county treasurer financial officer, deputy eounty treasurer, clerk or assistant of any treasurer financial officer who shall violate K.S.A. 19-516 or 19-517, and amendments thereto, shall be fined in the sum of not less than five \$5 nor more than one hundred dollars \$100 for such offense.

Sec. 31. K.S.A. 19-520 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-520. That From and after the passage of this act it shall be the duty of the county treasurer financial officer in each county on the last business day of January, April, July and October in each year; to make a statement showing the amount in the treasury on the day of making the statement and the different funds to which it belongs; the amount of funds of the state, county and each township, city, school district or other district in the county being clearly set forth; and in all cases the interest and the sinking funds shall be given separately from the general fund.

Sec. 32. K.S.A. 19-521 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-521. The statement made, as provided in K.S.A. 19-520, and amendments thereto, shall be signed and sworn to by the treasurer. Any treasurer county financial officer. Any county financial officer who shall swear falsely in any such statement shall be guilty of perjury, and on conviction shall be confined in the custody of the secretary of corrections for one year, and such treasurer's county financial officer's office shall be declared vacant.

Sec. 33. K.S.A. 19-524 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-524. The statement of the county treasurer financial officer, when completed, shall be published once in the official newspaper of the county, and a copy thereof posted on the inside of the door of the treasurer's in the financial officer's office.

 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 19-525 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-525. Should any county treasurer financial officer neglect or refuse to make and publish the statement provided for in this act, he such officer shall be liable to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars \$25 for each and every day he the officer shall refuse or neglect to make such statement, to be recovered by an action at law against such treasurer; said action to the officer; the action shall be brought in the name of the board of county commissioners of the proper county.

Sec. 35. K.S.A. 19-531 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-531. The county treasurer financial officer shall, when making up his deposits for the bank, make a duplicate ticket of such deposits, and file the same with the county elerk officer designated by the board; and whenever said treasurer the financial officer shall transmit any moneys to any designated fiscal agent outside of his county, he the county, and the financial officer shall file with the eounty elerk officer designated by the board a statement of the amount so transmitted.

Sec. 36. K.S.A. 19-532 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-532. It shall be the duty of the county elerk of such officer designated by the board of the county to charge the bank designated as the depository of the public money moneys with all moneys deposited by the treasurer county financial officer, and charge the fiscal agent with the amount of money moneys transmitted to it by the county treasurer financial officer, and credit the county treasurer financial officer with such amount transmitted.

Sec. 37. K.S.A. 19-533 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-533. The fiscal agent of said the county shall, at the end of each month, transmit to the elerk of such county officer designated by the board a statement of the amounts received from said treasurer the county financial officer, and of the amounts paid out by it, and for what purpose.

Sec. 38. K.S.A. 19-534 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-534. All checks or drafts of the treasurer financial officer of any county upon the bank holding the public money not issued as a part of a warrant check as provided by K.S.A. 10-802, as amended and amendments thereto, shall show upon their face faces for what purpose they were drawn, and in counties having a population of less than forty thousand (40,000) 40,000 such checks or drafts or checks or drafts not issued pursuant to a warrant as provided by K.S.A. 10-802, as amended and amendments thereto, shall be countersigned by the county elerk officer designated by the board; and such depository shall not pay the check or draft of said treasurer the county financial officer unless so countersigned.

Sec. 39. K.S.A. 19-535 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-535. The county elerk officer designated by the board shall charge the said treasurer financial officer with the checks and drafts so countersigned, and credit the bank therewith, and when the same are returned, charge the

 treasurer financial officer with all moneys disbursed by the fiscal agent of the county, and credit such agent with the same.

Sec. 40. K.S.A. 19-547 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-547. In addition to the duties required by K.S.A. 79-2101, and amendments thereto, each county treasurer financial officer, within 10 days after October 1 of each year, shall cause a statement to be published with respect to unpaid or partially unpaid delinquent personal property tax returns made by the sheriff as of October 1. Such statement shall be published once each week for three consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper or in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 64-101, and amendments thereto. The statement shall show the name of each delinquent or partially delinquent taxpayer, listed alphabetically, appearing on such returns, followed by the taxpayer's last known address and by the total amount of unpaid taxes, penalties and costs. The cost of such publication shall be paid from the general fund of such county, and \$15 shall be added to the tax due as part of the costs of collection, to be collected in the same manner as provided by law for the collection of the delinquent tax.

Sec. 41. K.S.A. 19-548 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-548. Should any county treasurer financial officer neglect or refuse to make and publish the statement provided for in this act, he the officer shall be liable to a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25) \$25 for each and every day he the officer shall refuse or neglect to make such publication, to be recovered by an action at law against said treasurer, said such officer, such action to be brought in the name of the board of county commissioners of the proper county.

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 19-1204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1204. (a) The register of deeds records officer designated by the board shall have custody of and safely keep and preserve all the books, records, deeds, maps, papers and microphotographs deposited or kept in the office of the register of deeds records officer. The register of deeds records officer designated by the board shall also record, or cause to be recorded, in a plain and distinct handwriting or in another legible manner, in suitable books or other accessible format to be provided and kept in the office of the register of deeds records officer, all deeds, mortgages, maps, instruments and writings authorized by law to be recorded in the office of the register of deeds records officer and left with the register of deeds records officer for that purpose, and shall perform all other duties as are required by law.

(b) The register of deeds records officer shall have the option of recording all such deeds, mortgages, maps, instruments and writings under this section: (1) In books as provided in subsection (a)₅; (2) on computer disks, tapes or other electronically accessed media in accordance with

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1 K.S.A. 45-501, *and amendments thereto;* or (3) in another manner authorized by statute in accordance with the provisions thereof.

Sec. 43. K.S.A. 19-1205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1205. (a) Every register of deeds records officer shall keep a general index, direct and inverted, in the office of the register of deeds records officer. The general index, direct, shall be divided into seven columns, with heads to the respective columns as follows:

Volume and Time Names Names Nature Page ofDescription of ofofWhere Reception. Grantors. Grantees. Instrument. Recorded. Remarks. of Tract.

The register of deeds records officer shall make correct entries, in such general index, of every instrument recorded, under the appropriate headings, by entering the names of the grantors in an alphabetical form.

(b) The general index, inverted, shall be divided into seven columns, as follows:

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The register of deeds records officer shall make, in such general index, correct entries of every instrument required by law to be entered in the general index, inverted, by entering the names of the grantees in alphabetical order.

- (c) Whenever any mortgage, bond or other instrument has been released or discharged from record by recording a deed or release, the register of deeds shall immediately note, in both general indexes, under the column headed "Remarks," and opposite to the appropriate entry or in another manner which provides appropriate cross-referencing of such information, that such instrument has been satisfied.
- (d) The indexes required by this statute may be kept in bound paper books or in another manner authorized by statute.
- Sec. 44. K.S.A. 19-1206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1206. The register of deeds records officer shall keep a receiving book, each page of which shall be divided into five columns, as follows:

Time of Name of Name of To Whom Fees Reception. Grantor. Grantee. Delivered. Received.

Whenever any instrument has been received by the register of deeds records officer for record, the register of deeds records officer shall immediately endorse upon such instrument the certificate of the register of deeds records officer, noting the day, hour and minute of its reception and the fees received for recording the instrument. The date of record of such

instrument shall be from the date of filing. Whenever any instrument has been filed as required by this section, the register of deeds records officer shall immediately make an entry of the filing in the receiving book of the register of deeds records officer, under the appropriate heading, with the amount paid as fee for recording the filing. After such instrument has been recorded, the register of deeds records officer shall deliver it to the person authorized to receive the same, writing the name of the person to whom it is delivered in the appropriate column. The receiving records required under this section may be kept in bound paper books or in another manner authorized by statute.

Sec. 45. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 19-1207 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1207. (a) The register of deeds records officer also shall keep a well-bound book, in which shall be kept all maps and plats of cities, subdivisions or additions to the same within the county, together with the description, acknowledgment or other writing thereon. The register officer shall keep an index to such book of plats. Such index shall contain the name or names of the proprietor or proprietors of such cities, subdivisions or addition and the name of the cities, subdivisions or addition. No register of deeds records officer shall be bound to perform any of the duties required to be performed by this act, for which a fee is allowed, unless such fee has been paid or tendered.

- (b) The register of deeds records officer shall not record any plat, replat, plat of survey pursuant to the apartment ownership act, K.S.A. 58-3101 et seq., and amendments thereto, or plat of survey pursuant to the townhouse ownership act, K.S.A. 58-3701 et seq., and amendments thereto, unless such document is accompanied by a receipt from the county treasurer financial officer for all real estate taxes and assessments on the land legally described in such document for any year past due and unpaid up to and including the tax year prior to the first tax year affected by the plat recording. If the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied by a taxing subdivision has not been certified to the county treasurer financial officer, the county treasurer financial officer shall calculate and collect an aggregate amount which shall be deposited with the county treasurer financial officer in the manner described in subsection (d).
- (c) The record of plats and indexes required by this section may be kept in the manner provided by K.S.A. 19-1204, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise authorized by statute.
- (d) For the purposes of subsection (b), the aggregate amount collected shall include the amount of the assessment to be certified by the elerk-officer designated by the board and a sum equal to the product of the assessed value directly related to the county appraiser's latest certified valuation conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1466, and amendments thereto, on the property multiplied by the current year's tax levy rate. After the tax

roll has been certified to the county treasurer, the treasurer financial officer, the officer shall then allocate so much of the sum collected as will pay the taxes and assessments on the property. In the case in which the sum collected is in excess of the amount necessary for the payment of the taxes and assessments, the treasurer officer shall return the amount of excess to the depositing party. In the case in which the sum collected is insufficient to pay the taxes and assessments, the treasurer shall credit the sum so collected ratably to the funds for which such taxes and assessments were levied and notify the owner of record of the balance due and unpaid. The unpaid portion shall become due in full on or before December 20 and any amount still remaining due and unpaid after that date shall accrue interest at the rate prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 46. K.S.A. 19-1209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1209. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any county deems it necessary, the board may order the register of deeds records officer to furnish for the use of the county, in addition to other records and indexes required by law, a numerical index containing the name of the instrument, the name of the grantor, the name of the grantee, a brief description of the property and the volume and page in which each instrument indexed is recorded. A numerical index required under this section may be kept in bound paper books or in another manner authorized by statute.

Sec. 47. K.S.A. 19-1210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1210. It shall be the duty of the register records officer to make correct entries in such numerical index, of all instruments recorded concerning real estate, under the appropriate headings, and in the subdivision devoted to the particular quarter section described in the instrument making the conveyance.

Sec. 48. K.S.A. 19-1211 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1211. Whenever such index is procured, it shall be the duty of the register records officer to enter, in their appropriate divisions, before any other entries are made, all the transfers embraced within the instruments recorded in his office, commencing with the first.

Sec. 49. K.S.A. 19-1213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1213. Every register of deeds, or his records officer or the officer's deputy, shall, after recording each instrument in the office of the register of deeds records officer, proofread the same by comparing the instrument filed for record with the record that has been made by the register of deeds records officer from such original instrument.

Sec. 50. K.S.A. 19-1216 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1216. This act shall apply to every county in the state, wherein all or any portion of the records in the office of the register of deeds records officer have been or shall hereafter be destroyed or made illegible by fire or other casualty.

Sec. 51. K.S.A. 19-1217 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1217. Whenever any instrument in writing affecting real estate in any such county which has been theretofore recorded in the office of the register of deeds records officer, shall be delivered to the register of deeds, the register of deeds records officer, the records officer shall examine the record and indexing of such instrument and shall reindex the same if any portion of such index be missing or illegible, and if the record of said such instrument be destroyed or illegible, the register of deeds records officer shall record said such instrument together with the certificate of previous recording and shall reindex the same and the date of filing for record appearing in said such original certificate of recording shall be deemed and taken as the date of record thereof. If a duly certified or authenticated copy of any such instrument is delivered to the register of deeds, the register of deeds records officer, the records officer shall reindex and record the same including the certification or authentication thereof, in the same cases and in the same manner and with like effect as hereinbefore provided in the case of original instruments. No fee shall be charged for the recording or indexing of instruments or copies pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Sec. 52. K.S.A. 19-1218 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1218. Upon payment of a fee of two dollars (\$2), the register of deeds \$2, the records officer of any such county shall examine the numerical index to any tract of land in the county and furnish to the person paying said such fee a certificate showing whether or not any portion of numerical index pertaining to such tract is destroyed or illegible and showing whether or not any material part of the record of any instrument shown in the numerical index for such tract is destroyed or illegible. Such certificate shall also state the date upon which the records were damaged or destroyed and by what event. For the purpose of making such certificates, each government quarter section, or part thereof in case of unplatted lands and each block or part thereof in the case of platted land, shall be deemed a separate tract.

Sec. 53. K.S.A. 19-1219 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-1219. In actions brought to quiet title to or foreclose upon real estate in any such county, if it be alleged that a portion of the record or numerical index pertaining to said such land has been destroyed or rendered illegible by reason of fire or other casualty and there be attached to the petition a certificate issued by the register of deeds records officer pursuant to the preceding section, showing that a portion of such record or index has been so destroyed or rendered illegible, then, and in that event, all persons whose interest in said such real property does not appear of record in the records and indexes which remain legible and undestroyed may be made parties defendant under the general designation of "all others claiming any

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1 right, title, or interest in, or lien upon the real property described in the petition" and such persons may be served with summons by publication, 2 3 which summons by publication shall contain the legal description of the 4 real estate in the same manner and upon the making of the same affidavit 5 as is required for service by publication upon unknown heirs. Any 6 judgment rendered in any such action against parties so designated and 7 served shall be binding upon all persons whose right, title or interest in or 8 lien upon said such lands is not disclosed by the records which remain undestroyed and legible: Provided always, That. Such judgments may be 9 10 reopened upon the same conditions and within the time provided in the case of other judgments rendered on publication service. 11

12 Sec. 54. KK.S.A. 19-304, 19-305, 19-306, 19-309, 19-310, 19-311, 19-312, 19-315, 19-318, 19-322, 19-323, 19-324, 19-502a, 19-506, 19-13 506a, 19-507, 19-508, 19-508a, 19-508b, 19-509, 19-510, 19-510a, 19-14 511, 19-514, 19-515, 19-516, 19-517, 19-518, 19-519, 19-520, 19-521, 19-15 16 524, 19-525, 19-531, 19-532, 19-533, 19-534, 19-535, 19-547, 19-548, 19-17 1204, 19-1205, 19-1206, 19-1209, 19-1210, 19-1211, 19-1213, 19-1216, 19-1217, 19-1218 and 19-1219 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 19-1207 are hereby 18 19 repealed.

Sec. 55. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.