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Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 432

By Committee on Commerce

AN ACT concerning STAR bonds; relating to establishment of an underwriting commission; project information on department of commerce website; project costs; STAR bond project financial viability determination; requirements for project approval; audit report; reports to legislature; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 12-17,162, 12-17,164, 12-17,166, 12-17,169, 12-17,171 and 12-17,176 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the STAR bond underwriting commission. The commission shall consist of three members. One member shall be appointed by the senate president, one member shall be appointed by the speaker of the house and one member shall be appointed by the secretary of commerce. Each member of the commission shall have at least 10 years of experience in commercial banking, investment banking or real estate capital markets. Members may not be employed by or have any ownership or financial interest in a developer that has participated or is participating in a STAR bond project. A member shall not participate in a decision on an application submitted by the city or county in which the member resides or if the member has an ownership or financial interest in a business located in that city or county or locating or relocating into that city or county.

(b) The members first appointed to the commission shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this act. Of the members first appointed to the commission, as determined by the senate president, speaker of the house and the secretary of commerce by agreement or by selection by chance, one member shall be appointed to serve for one year, one member shall be appointed to serve for two years, and one member shall be appointed to serve for three years. Thereafter, members shall be appointed for terms of three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. A member may not serve more than two consecutive

(f) "Eligible area" means a historic theater, major tourism area, major motorsports complex, auto race track facility, river walk canal facility, major multi-sport athletic complex, or a major commercial entertainment and tourism area as determined by the secretary.

(g) "Feasibility study" means a feasibility study as defined in K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 12-17,166(b), and amendments thereto.

(h) "Historic theater" means a building constructed prior to 1940 which was constructed for the purpose of staging entertainment, including motion pictures, vaudeville shows or operas, that is operated by a nonprofit corporation and is designated by the state historic preservation officer as eligible to be on the Kansas register of historic places or is a member of the Kansas historic theatre association.

(i) "Historic theater sales tax increment" means the amount of state and local sales tax revenue imposed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-187 et seq., 79-3601 et seq. and 79-3701 et seq., and amendments thereto, collected from taxpayers doing business within the historic theater that is in excess of the amount of such taxes collected prior to the designation of the building as a historic theater for purposes of this act.

(j) "Major commercial entertainment and tourism area" means an area that may include, but not be limited to, a major multi-sport athletic complex.

(k) "Major motorsports complex" means a complex in Shawnee county that is utilized for the hosting of competitions involving motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, automobiles, motorcycles or other self-propelled vehicles other than a motorized bicycle or motorized wheelchair, and that was approved by the secretary as a STAR bond project prior to

March 12, 2018. Such project may include racetracks, all facilities directly related and necessary to the operation of a motorsports complex, including, but not limited to, parking lots, grandstands, suites and viewing areas, concessions, souvenir facilities, catering facilities, visitor and retail centers, signage and temporary hospitality facilities, but excluding hotels, motels, restaurants and retail facilities not directly related to or necessary to the operation of such facility.

(l) "Major tourism area" means an area for which the secretary has made a finding the capital improvements costing not less than \$100,000,000 will be built in the state to construct an auto race track facility.

(m) "Major multi-sport athletic complex" means an athletic complex that is utilized for the training of athletes, the practice of athletic teams, the playing of athletic games or the hosting of events. Such project may include playing fields, parking lots and other developments including grandstands, suites and viewing areas, concessions, souvenir facilities, catering facilities, visitor centers, signage and temporary hospitality facilities, but excluding hotels, motels, restaurants and retail facilities, not directly related to or necessary to the operation of such facility.

(n) "Market study" means a study to determine the ability of the project to gain market share locally, regionally and nationally and the ability of the project to gain sufficient market share to:

- (1) Remain profitable past the term of repayment; and
- (2) maintain status as a significant factor for travel decisions.