

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Assessment and Taxation** recommends **SB 298** be amended as recommended by Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation as reported in the Journal of the Senate on February 28, 2014, and the bill, as printed as Substitute for SENATE BILL NO. 298, be further amended on page 2, in line 12, by striking "not exceed" and inserting "be"; in line 14, by striking "\$7" and inserting "\$8"; in line 16, by striking "\$3" and inserting "\$5"; in line 17, by striking "\$21" and inserting "\$23"; in line 19, by striking "\$6" and inserting "\$8"; in line 20, by striking "\$2" and inserting "\$4"; in line 21, by striking "\$1.50" and inserting "\$3.50"; in line 23, by striking "\$6" and inserting "\$8"; in line 26, by striking "\$6" and inserting "\$8"; in line 28, by striking "\$6" and inserting "\$8"; in line 30, by striking "not exceed" and inserting "be"; in line 32, by striking "\$8" and inserting "\$11"; in line 34, by striking "\$4" and inserting "\$8"; in line 35, by striking "\$22" and inserting "\$26"; in line 37, by striking "\$7" and inserting "\$11"; in line 38, by striking "\$3" and inserting "\$7"; in line 39, by striking "\$2.50" and inserting "\$6.50"; in line 41, by striking "\$7" and inserting "\$11";

On page 3, in line 1, by striking "\$7" and inserting "\$11"; in line 3, by striking "\$7" and inserting "\$11"; in line 5, by striking "not exceed" and inserting "be"; in line 7, by striking "\$9" and inserting "\$14"; in line 9, by striking "\$5" and inserting "\$11"; in line 10, by striking "\$23" and inserting "\$29"; in line 12, by striking "\$8" and inserting "\$14"; in line 13, by striking "\$4" and inserting "\$10"; in line 14, by striking "\$3.50" and inserting "\$9.50"; in line 16, by striking "\$8" and inserting "\$14"; in line 19, by striking "\$8" and inserting "\$14"; in line 21, by striking "\$8" and inserting "\$14"; in line 23, by striking "not exceed" and inserting "be"; in line 25, by

striking "\$10" and inserting "\$17"; in line 27, by striking "\$6" and inserting "\$14"; in line 28, by striking "\$24" and inserting "\$32"; in line 30, by striking "\$9" and inserting "\$17"; in line 31, by striking "\$5" and inserting "\$13"; in line 32, by striking "\$4.50" and inserting "\$12.50"; in line 34, by striking "\$9" and inserting "\$17"; in line 37, by striking "\$9" and inserting "\$17"; in line 39, by striking "\$9" and inserting "\$17"; in line 42, after "page" by inserting "prior to January 1, 2015, and \$3 per page on and after January 1, 2015,";

On page 4, in line 6, after the period by inserting "Prior to January 1, 2015,"; in line 8, after the period by inserting "On and after January 1, 2015, the county treasurer shall deposit \$2 of such funds in the register of deeds technology fund as provided by K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 28-115a, and amendments thereto, and \$1 of such funds in the county clerk technology fund as provided by section 3, and amendments thereto.";

On page 5, in line 13, after the period by inserting "No payments under this subsection shall be made by the county treasurer to the state treasurer during any calendar year in excess of a total of \$30,000. All moneys collected in excess of this amount which under this subsection would be paid to the state treasurer shall be credited to the county general fund.

(j) On and after January 1, 2015, the fee shall not exceed \$125 for recording single family mortgages on principal residences imposed pursuant to this section where the principal debt or obligation secured by the mortgage is \$75,000 or less.";

On page 6, following line 39, by inserting:

"New Sec. 3. (a) On January 1, 2015, there is hereby created in each county a county clerk technology fund.

(b) Upon receipt thereof, the county treasurer shall credit to the county clerk technology fund

of the county all moneys attributable to the fees collected pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 28-115, and amendments thereto.

(c) Moneys in the county clerk technology fund shall be used by the county clerk to acquire equipment and technological services for the storing, recording, archiving, retrieving, maintaining and handling of data recorded, stored or generated in the office of the county clerk.

(d) Moneys in such fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 through 79-2937, and amendments thereto. In making the budget of the county, the amounts credited to, and the amount on hand in, such special fund and the amount expended from such fund shall be shown on the budget for the information of the taxpayers of the county. Any action taken by the county clerk under this subsection shall be in accordance with K.S.A. 19-302, and amendments thereto.

(e) Moneys in such fund may be invested in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-131, and amendments thereto, with interest thereon credited to such fund.

(f) The fund shall be administered by the county treasurer who shall pay out moneys from the fund upon orders signed by the county clerk.

(g) At the end of any calendar year, if the balance in such fund exceeds \$50,000 and the county clerk indicates that such amount in excess of \$50,000 shall not be needed and is not designated for technology, the county commission may authorize the transfer and use of such excess moneys by other county offices for equipment or technological services relating to the land or property records filed or maintained by the county.

(h) If a charter form of government is adopted and implemented pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, the provisions of this section shall apply to the official, department or office which performs the duties and functions prescribed for the office of the county clerk.";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, after the semicolon by inserting "county clerk technology fund;"; and the substitute bill be passed as amended.

_____Chairperson