SENATE BILL No. 221

By Committee on Judiciary

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AN ACT concerning credit and debit transactions; relating to surcharges; amending K.S.A. 72-8245 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-16,125, 19-122 and 75-30,100 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 16a-2-403.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-16,125 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-16,125. A city may accept credit or debit cards for the payment of taxes, utility fees or other exactions. The city may establish the type of credit or debit card the city will accept. The city may set a fee to be added to each credit card transaction equal to the charge paid by the city for the use of the credit card by the person. If the city imposes a fee for payments made by credit card, the city shall provide notice of such fee to the person making payment by credit card.

Any transaction involving payment by credit card pursuant to thissection shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.

- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 19-122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-122. (a) Any county may accept credit or debit cards for the payment of any taxes, utility fees or other exactions. The county may establish the type of credit or debit card the county will accept. The county may set a fee to be added to each credit card transaction equal to the charge paid by the county for the use of the credit card by the person. If the county imposes a fee for payments made by credit card, the county shall provide notice of such fee to the person making payment by credit card.
- (b) Any transaction involving payment by credit card pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 72-8245 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8245. The board of education of any school district, pursuant to a policy developed and adopted by the board, may provide for the acceptance of payment in the form of a credit or debit card of fees, tuition or other charges imposed by the school district. The policy may provide for imposition of an additional fee to recover the actual amount of any costs incurred by the school district by reason of the method of payment used.

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The policy also may provide for establishment by the school district of secure internet sockets that will allow payment by a credit or debit card via the internet. Any transactions involving payment by credit card pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-30,100 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-30,100. (a) Any state agency which imposes or collects fees, tuition or other charges shall accept payment thereof in the form of a personal, certified or cashier's check or money order. A state agency may accept payment by credit card, debit card or other method designated by the agency. A state agency may impose an additional fee to recover the actual amount of any cost incurred by reason of the method of payment used by the payee.
- (b) In addition to the methods specified in subsection (a), after June 30, 2001, a state agency shall accept payment of fees, tuition or other charges in the form of a credit card or debit card.
- (c) Any transactions involving payment by credit card or debit card pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.
- (d) (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to any fees, fines or charges imposed by the secretary of corrections or the commissioner of juvenile justice on offenders under the jurisdiction of the secretary of corrections or juvenile offenders placed in juvenile correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of juvenile justice.
- (e) Any municipal university, community college, technical college, or vocational educational school, having the meanings respectively ascribed thereto by K.S.A. 74-3201b, and amendments thereto, accepting payment of fees, tuition or other charges in the form of a credit card or debit card shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 16a-2-403, and amendments thereto.
- 31 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 72-8245 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-16,125, 16a-2-403, 19-122 and 75-30,100 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.