HOUSE BILL No. 2430

By Committee on Appropriations

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AN ACT concerning the Kansas development finance authority; authorizing the sale of certain state tobacco settlement receipts; creating the great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation; authorizing the issuance of bonds payable from tobacco asset payments; amending K.S.A. 74-8909 and 74-8910 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-8904 and 74-8905 and repealing the existing sections.

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

New Section 1. (a) As used in sections 1 through 3, and amendments thereto, the following terms shall have the following meanings unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

- (1) "Asset sale agreement" means one or more agreements, contracts or other instruments between the state as seller of the tobacco assets and the financing corporation as purchaser of the tobacco assets.
- (2) "Financing corporation" means the great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation created pursuant to section 2, and amendments thereto.
- (3) "Master settlement agreement" means the master settlement agreement and related documents between the state and leading United States tobacco product manufacturers dated November 23, 1998, and including the consent decree and final judgment entered in the State of Kansas v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company et al., district court of Shawnee county, Kansas, division 2, No. 96-CV-919.
- (4) "Residual assets" means the interest of the financing corporation in the bond proceeds and the tobacco assets and revenues, moneys, funds, property, other income or receipts with respect to the tobacco assets paid or payable to the financing corporation or a trustee for the account of the financing corporation or for the holders of bonds that are in excess of the expenses of the financing corporation, the amounts required for debt service on bonds and any contractual obligations of the financing corporation.
- (5) "State tobacco settlement receipts" means moneys payable to the state pursuant to the master settlement agreement, without giving effect to the sale of any portion thereof.
- (6) "Tobacco assets" means all rights, title and interest in and to the portion of the state tobacco settlement receipts in an amount equal to

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- (7) "Tobacco asset payments" means the amounts paid or payable to the financing corporation pursuant to an asset sale agreement in an amount equal to \$19,000,000 annually of the state tobacco settlement receipts.
- (b) The secretary of administration is authorized to sell to the financing corporation, from time to time, all or a portion of the tobacco assets and, in particular, to execute and deliver an asset sale agreement. The asset sale agreement shall provide that the purchase price payable to the state for the tobacco assets sold shall consist of the net proceeds (after capitalized interest, costs, fees, reserves and credit and liquidity enhancements in such amounts as the financing corporation determines to be necessary or desirable in issuing, securing and marketing the bonds) of bonds issued pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto, to the extent such bonds are not refunding bonds, together with any interest in the residual assets or any subordinate interest provided in the asset sale agreement. The purchase price payable to the state from the sale from time to time of all or a portion of the tobacco assets including the net proceeds (after capitalized interest, costs, fees, reserves and credit and liquidity enhancements in such amounts as the financing corporation determines to be necessary or desirable in issuing, securing and marketing the bonds) from any bonds issued pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto. shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the state general fund and shall not be subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 38-2101, and amendments thereto.
- (c) Any sale of tobacco assets by the state shall be treated as a true sale and absolute transfer of the property so transferred and not as a pledge or other security interest for any borrowing by the state. The characterization of such a sale as an absolute transfer by the participants shall not be negated or adversely affected if only a portion of the tobacco assets is sold, nor by the state's acquisition or retention of an ownership interest in the residual assets or a subordinate interest in the tobacco assets, nor by any recourse that the purchaser or assignees may have against the state, nor by whether the state is responsible for collecting or enforcing payment of the tobacco asset payments or retains legal title to tobacco asset payments for purposes of collecting or enforcing payments, nor by any characterization of the bonds or the financing corporation for purposes of accounting, taxation or securities regulation, nor by any other factor whatsoever.
- (d) On and after the effective date of a sale of tobacco assets pursuant to an asset sale agreement, the state shall have no right, title or interest in or to such tobacco assets sold, other than a residual or subordinate interest in the tobacco asset or an interest in the enforcement or collection of

tobacco asset payments. The tobacco asset payments shall be property of the financing corporation or its transferee or assignee and not of the state, and shall be owned, received, held and disbursed by the financing corporation or its transferee or assignee and not the state. On or before the effective date of any sale of tobacco assets pursuant to an asset sale agreement, the state shall notify the escrow agent under the master settlement agreement of any tobacco assets which have been sold to the financing corporation and irrevocably instruct such escrow agent that, subsequent to an effective date, the tobacco asset payments are to be paid directly to the financing corporation or its transferee or assignee.

- (e) Neither the financing corporation nor its assets or liabilities may be consolidated with those of the Kansas development finance authority or the state. The financing corporation may not dissolve, merge or consolidate with any other entity while any bonds issued pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto, or obligations to holders of such bonds are outstanding. Prior to the date that is 366 days after which the financing corporation no longer has any bonds outstanding, the financing corporation is prohibited from being a debtor under chapter 9 of the federal bankruptcy code or such corresponding chapter or provision as may from time to time be in effect, and no public official or entity or other person shall authorize the financing corporation to be a debtor pursuant to such provisions of the federal bankruptcy code.
- (f) The state pledges and agrees for the benefit of the holders of any bonds issued pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto, and the holders or beneficiaries of any other obligations in which the financing corporation has included such pledge and agreement, that the state will: (1) Irrevocably direct the escrow agent under the master settlement agreement to transfer the tobacco asset payments directly to the financing corporation or its transferee or assignee; (2) enforce the rights of the financing corporation or its transferee or assignee to receive the tobacco asset payments to the full extent of the state's right to receive state tobacco settlement receipts pursuant to the terms of the master settlement agreement; (3) not amend the master settlement agreement in any manner that would materially impair the rights of the financing corporation or the holders of such bonds or obligations to receive tobacco asset payments necessary to make payment on such bonds or obligations; (4) not limit or alter the rights of the financing corporation to fulfill the terms of its agreements with such holders of such bonds or obligations; (5) not authorize the financing corporation to be a debtor under chapter 9 of the federal bankruptcy code or such corresponding chapter or provision as may from time to time be in effect; and (6) not in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders of such bonds or obligations or the security for such bonds or obligations until such bonds, together with the

interest thereon and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of such holders of the bonds, or obligations are fully paid and discharged. The financing corporation is authorized to include such pledges and agreements in any agreement for the benefit of the holders or beneficiaries of bonds issued pursuant to section 3, and amendments thereto, or any other obligations of the financing corporation.

- (g) The secretary of administration shall obtain the approval of the state finance council prior to executing an asset sale agreement. The approval of the asset sale agreement by the state finance council is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto. Approval of the asset sale agreement by the state finance council may be given when the legislature is in session.
- (h) The sale of tobacco assets pursuant to subsection (b) shall be by negotiation approved by the secretary of administration and shall be exempt from competitive bid requirements applicable to the purchase and sale of property by the state.
- (i) All payments received and to be received by the state under the master settlement agreement are the property of the state, to be used as provided by law, including a sale, assignment, or transfer of the right to receive the payments under this section. No political subdivision of the state, and no officer or agent of any political subdivision of the state, shall have or seek to maintain any claim related to the master settlement agreement or any claim against any party that was released from liability by the state under the tobacco settlement agreement.
- (j) The district court of Shawnee county shall have exclusive jurisdiction of any suit brought by or against the financing corporation, and process in such suit shall be served on the chairperson of the board of directors of the financing corporation.
- (k) Any pledge of tobacco asset payments by the financing corporation shall, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8909, and amendments thereto, constitute a continuously perfected security interest in all tobacco asset payments existing on the date of the pledge or arising after the date of the pledge and shall have priority over any other subsequent lien on the tobacco asset payments. The priority of such pledge and security interest shall not be affected by any commingling of tobacco settlement payments with other amounts.

New Sec. 2. (a) The great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation is hereby created in accordance with this section as an affiliate of the Kansas development finance authority, a public body politic and corporate and an independent instrumentality of the state exercising essential public functions, effective upon the approval of articles of incorporation by the authority. The great plains tobacco settlement

financing corporation is created for the following purposes, and shall be authorized and empowered to: (1) Receive from the state all or a portion of the tobacco assets; (2) transfer, sell, pledge, assign or otherwise convey a portion of such tobacco assets; (3) enter into contracts and establish trusts with any person or entity, including the state, with respect to or regarding all or any portion of the tobacco assets; (4) issue bonds authorized under section 3, and amendments thereto, provide for the security and repayment of such bonds and enter into agreements, contracts or instruments for credit or liquidity enhancement, forward purchase or interest rate swaps or exchanges in connection with such bonds; and (5) issue other obligations secured by a portion of such tobacco assets. Filing of articles of incorporation of the great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation with the secretary of state shall not be required.

(b) Each provision of the Kansas development finance authority act regarding the issuance of bonds or the exercise of any other power or privilege by the authority shall apply to the financing corporation in the exercise of any power, obligation or duty delegated by the authority to such affiliate corporation. The financing corporation shall have the power to contract with the authority to do all things necessary and convenient to carry out the purposes of this act.

New Sec. 3. The great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation, established by section 2, and amendments thereto, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring tobacco assets and for paying expenses of authorizing and issuing the bonds, paying capitalized interest on the bonds until revenues thereof are available in sufficient amounts to make such payments, purchasing bond insurance or other credit or liquidity enhancements on the bonds, and funding such reserves as the great plains tobacco settlement financing corporation deems necessary or desirable.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-8904 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8904. Except as otherwise limited by this act, the authority shall have the following powers to:
 - (a) Sue and be sued;

- (b) have a seal and alter such seal;
- (c) make and alter bylaws for its organization and internal management;
- (d) adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act;
- 39 (e) acquire, hold and dispose of real and personal property *of any* 40 *nature, tangible or intangible,* for its corporate purposes;
 - (f) appoint officers, agents and employees, prescribe their duties and qualifications and fix their compensation;
 - (g) borrow money and to issue notes, bonds and other obligations

 pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8905, and amendments thereto, whether or not the interest on which is subject to federal income taxation, and to provide for the rights of the lenders or holders thereof;

- (h) purchase notes or participations in notes evidencing loans which are secured by mortgages or security interests and to enter into contracts in that regard;
- (i) make secured or unsecured loans for any of the purposes for which bonds of the authority may be issued under this act or to low and moderate income multifamily rental housing projects participating in programs established in-section 42 of the federal internal revenue code 26 U.S.C. § 42, and provide financing for housing projects and programs in participation with programs established by the United States department of housing and urban development or the division of housing in the Kansas development finance authority; except as otherwise provided in this subsection, nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the authority to make loans directly to individuals to finance housing developments;
- (j) sell mortgages and security interests at public or private sale, to negotiate modifications or alterations in mortgage and security interests, to foreclose on any mortgage or security interest in default or commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon it by any law, mortgage, security agreement, contract or other agreement, and to bid for and purchase property which was the subject of such mortgage or security interest at any foreclosure or at any other sale, to acquire or take possession of any such property, and to exercise any and all rights as provided by law for the benefit or protection of the authority or mortgage holders;
- (k) collect fees and charges in connection with its loans, bond guarantees, commitments and servicing, including, but not limited to, reimbursement of costs of financing as the authority shall determine to be reasonable and as shall be approved by the authority;
- (l) make and execute contracts for the servicing of mortgages acquired by the authority pursuant to this act, and to pay the reasonable value of services rendered to the authority pursuant to those contracts;
- (m) enter into agreements with and accept gifts, grants, loans and other aid from the federal government, the state, any state agency, any political subdivision of the state, or any person or corporation, foundation or legal entity, and to agree to and comply with any conditions attached to federal and state financial assistance not inconsistent with the provisions of this act;
- (n) invest moneys of the authority not required for immediate use, including proceeds from the sale of any bonds, in such manner as the board shall determine, subject to any agreement with bondholders stated in the authorizing resolution providing for the issuance of bonds;

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- (p) provide technical assistance and advice to the state or political subdivisions of the state and to enter into contracts with the state or political subdivisions of the state to provide such services. The state or political subdivisions of the state are hereby authorized to enter into contracts with the authority for such services and to pay for such services as may be provided them;
 - (q) establish accounts in one or more depositories;
- (r) lease, acquire, construct, sell and otherwise deal in and contract concerning any facilities;
- (s) have and exercise all of the powers granted to the public housing authorities by the state, except that the authority shall not have the power of eminent domain;
- (t) do any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out purposes of the authority and exercise the powers given and granted in this act;
- (u) assist minority businesses in obtaining loans or other means of financial assistance. The terms and conditions of such loans or financial assistance, including the charges for interest and other services, will be consistent with the provisions of this act. In order to comply with this requirement, efforts must be made to solicit for review and analysis proposed minority business ventures. Basic loan underwriting standards will not be waived to inconsistently favor minority persons or businesses from the intent of the authority's lending practices;
- (v) form one or more-subsidiary affiliate corporations under K.S.A. 17-6001 et seq., and amendments thereto, in accordance with the procedures therein contained. Each-subsidiary affiliate corporation shall be subject to the same restrictions and limitations as to the powers and purposes to which the authority is subject. Each provision of this act regarding the issuance of bonds or the exercise of any other power or privilege by the authority shall apply to each affiliate corporation in the exercise of any power, obligation or duty delegated by the authority to such affiliate corporation. The authority may delegate any of its powers, obligations and duties to any-subsidiary affiliate corporation by inclusion of such powers, obligations and duties in the articles of incorporation of the subsidiary affiliate corporation. Subsidiary Affiliate corporations so formed shall constitute legal entities separate and distinct from each other, the authority and the state except that for purposes of K.S.A. 58-4217-to through 58-4226, inclusive, and amendments thereto, the Kansas housing resources corporation shall constitute an instrumentality of the state. The authority shall not be liable for the debts or obligations or for any actions or inactions of its-subsidiary affiliate corporations unless the authority

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expressly agrees otherwise in writing. The authority may make loans or grants to a subsidiary an affiliate corporation from time to time to enable the subsidiary affiliate corporation to carry out its purposes. The members of the authority shall constitute all of the directors of each—subsidiary affiliate corporation.

The state, any municipality or any state commission, public authority, agency, officer, department, board or division authorized and empowered to enter into agreements with, to grant, convey, lease or otherwise transfer any property to, or to otherwise transact business with the authority, shall have the same authorization and power to engage in these activities with each-subsidiary affiliate corporation of the authority.

One or more such-subsidiary corporation affiliate coprorations may be formed for purposes of establishing state tax credit equity funds to assist in the development of low-income and middle-income housing and obtain financing through participation in the program established in section 42 of the federal internal revenue code 26 U.S.C. \S 42.

Actions of the authority or any-subsidiary affiliate corporation relating to housing pursuant to this subsection (v) shall be carried out in accordance with any terms, conditions and limitations relating to policy issues regarding housing, as established by the director of housing in the Kansas development finance authority.

One or more such-subsidiary affiliate corporations may be formed for purposes of acquiring or conveying on behalf of the state and pursuant to this act a project of statewide as well as local importance, issuing bonds on behalf of the state pursuant to this act to finance a project of statewide as well as local importance or otherwise financing on behalf of the state pursuant to this act a project of statewide as well as local importance. The Kansas statewide projects development corporation is hereby created in accordance with this section. Filing of articles of incorporation of the Kansas statewide projects development corporation with the secretary of state shall not be required; and

(w) assist, coordinate, administer and participate with out-of-state: Governmental authorities, bodies, issuers and other public and private entities; in connection with the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness for the purpose of financing any facilities whether such facility is located within or outside of Kansas. In connection with such financings which include out-of-state issuers, the authority is designated as the only entity in Kansas which may conduct the public hearing of the applicable governmental unit required by-section 147 (f) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 26 U.S.C. § 147(f), as amended, and the governor of Kansas is designated as the only entity in Kansas who may be the applicable governmental unit pursuant to section 147 (f) of the federal internal revenue code of 1986 26 U.S.C. § 147(f), as amended. Following

 such hearing the authority shall determine whether such financing should proceed with respect to facilities located within Kansas by an out-of-state issuer. If the authority determines that the financing should not proceed, the financing shall not proceed relative to the Kansas facilities; and

- (x) establish trusts in connection with any of the purposes of this act.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-8905 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8905. (a) The authority may issue bonds, either for a specific activity or on a pooled basis for a series of related or unrelated activities or projects duly authorized by a political subdivision or group of political subdivisions of the state in amounts determined by the authority for the purpose of financing projects of statewide as well as local importance, capital improvement facilities, educational facilities, health care facilities and housing developments. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the authority to issue bonds or use the proceeds thereof to:
- (1) Purchase, condemn or otherwise acquire a utility plant or distribution system owned or operated by a regulated public utility;
- (2) finance any capital improvement facilities or educational facilities which are being financed by the issuance of general obligation or utility revenue bonds of a political subdivision, except that the acquisition by the authority of general obligation or utility revenue bonds issued by political subdivisions with the proceeds of pooled bonds shall not violate the provisions of the foregoing; or
- (3) purchase, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, equip, furnish, repair, enlarge or remodel property for any swine production facility on agricultural land which is owned, acquired, obtained or leased by a corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, corporate partnership or trust.

Nothing in this subsection (a) shall prohibit the issuance of bonds by the authority when any statute specifically authorizes the issuance of bonds by the authority or approves any activity or project of a state agency for purposes of authorizing any such issuance of bonds in accordance with this section and provides an exemption from the provisions of this subsection (a).

(b) The authority may issue bonds for activities and projects of state agencies as requested by the secretary of administration. Research facilities of state educational institutions shall be subject to the provisions of this subsection (b). No bonds may be issued pursuant to this act for any activity or project of a state agency unless the activity or project either has been approved by an appropriation or other act of the legislature or has been approved by the state finance council acting on this matter which is hereby characterized as a matter of legislative delegation and subject to the guidelines prescribed in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3711c(c), and amendments thereto. When requested to do so by the secretary of

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administration, the authority may issue bonds for the purpose of refunding, whether at maturity or in advance of maturity, any outstanding bonded indebtedness of any state agency. The revenues of any state agency which are pledged as security for any bonds of such state agency which are refunded by refunding bonds of the authority may be pledged to the authority as security for the refunding bonds.

- (c) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of financing industrial enterprises, transportation facilities, agricultural business enterprises, educational facilities, health care facilities, developments, research facilities or any combination of such facilities, or any interest in facilities, including without limitation leasehold interests in and mortgages on such facilities, whether located within or outside of Kansas. The authority may additionally issue bonds for the purpose of financing a hall of fame, museum or tourist destination of national significance, as determined by the secretary of commerce. Such authority to issue bonds for a hall of fame, museum or tourist destination of national significance shall expire on December 31, 2007. No less than 30 days prior to the issuance of any bonds authorized under this act with respect to any project or activity within Kansas which is to be undertaken for the direct benefit of any person or entity which is not a state agency or a political subdivision, written notice of the intention of the authority to provide financing and issue bonds therefor shall be given by the president of the authority to the governing body of the city in which the project or activity is to be located. If the project or activity is not proposed to be located within a city, such notice shall be given to the governing body of the county. No bonds for the financing of the project or activity shall be issued by the authority for a one-year period if, within 15 days after the giving of such notice, the governing body of the political subdivision in which the project or activity within Kansas is proposed to be located shall have adopted an ordinance or resolution stating express disapproval of the project or activity and shall have notified the president of the authority of such disapproval. The authority shall not issue bonds for the purpose of financing a project or activity outside Kansas unless the authority has determined that the issuance of such bonds provides a benefit to Kansas or its people and that the owner or operator thereof or an affiliate has a presence or impact in Kansas.
- (d) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of establishing and funding one or more series of venture capital funds in such principal amounts, at such interest rates, in such maturities, with such security, and upon such other terms and in such manner as is approved by resolution of the authority. The proceeds of such bonds not placed in a venture capital fund or used to pay or reimburse organizational, offering and administrative expenses and fees necessary to the issuance and sale of such

bonds shall be invested and reinvested in such securities and other instruments as shall be provided in the resolution under which such bonds are issued. Moneys in a venture capital fund shall be used to make venture capital investments in new, expanding or developing businesses, including, but not limited to, equity and debt securities, warrants, options and other rights to acquire such securities, subject to the provisions of the resolution of the authority. The authority shall establish an investment policy with respect to the investment of the funds in a venture capital fund not inconsistent with the purposes of this act. The authority shall enter into an agreement with a management company experienced in venture capital investments to manage and administer each venture capital fund upon terms not inconsistent with the purposes of this act and such investment policy. The authority may establish an advisory board to provide advice and consulting assistance to the authority and the management company with respect to the management and administration of each venture capital fund and the establishment of its investment policy. All fees and expenses incurred in the management and administration of a venture capital fund not paid or reimbursed out of the proceeds of the bonds issued by the authority shall be paid or reimbursed out of such venture capital fund.

- (e) The authority may issue bonds in one or more series for the purpose of financing a redevelopment plan project that is approved by the authority in accordance with K.S.A. 74-8921 and 74-8922, and amendments thereto, or by Johnson or Labette county in accordance with the provisions of this act.
- (f) After receiving and approving the feasibility study required pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8936, and amendments thereto, the authority may issue bonds in one or more series for the purpose of financing a multi-sport athletic project in accordance with K.S.A. 74-8936 through 74-8938, and amendments thereto. If the project is to be constructed in phases, a similar feasibility study shall be performed prior to issuing bonds for the purpose of financing each subsequent phase.
- (g) The authority may issue bonds for the purpose of financing resort facilities, as defined in—subsection—(a)—of—K.S.A. 32-867(a), and amendments thereto, in an amount or amounts not to exceed \$30,000,000 for any one resort. The bonds and the interest thereon shall be payable solely from revenues of the resort and shall not be deemed to be an obligation or indebtedness of the state within the meaning of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas. The authority may contract with—a subsidiary an affiliate corporation formed pursuant to subsection (v) of-K.S.A. 74-8904(v), and amendments thereto, or others to lease or operate such resort. The provisions of K.S.A. 32-867, 32-868, 32-870 through 32-873 and 32-874a through 32-874d, and amendments thereto, shall apply to resorts and bonds issued pursuant to this subsection.

(h) The authority may use the proceeds of any bond issues herein authorized, together with any other available funds, for venture capital investments or for purchasing, leasing, constructing, restoring, renovating, altering or repairing facilities as herein authorized, for making loans, purchasing mortgages or security interests in loan participations and paying all incidental expenses therewith, paying expenses of authorizing and issuing the bonds, paying interest on the bonds until revenues thereof are available in sufficient amounts, purchasing bond insurance or other credit enhancements on the bonds, and funding such reserves as the authority deems necessary and desirable. All moneys received by the authority, other than moneys received by virtue of an appropriation, are hereby specifically declared to be cash funds, restricted in their use and to be used solely as provided herein. No moneys of the authority other than moneys received by appropriation shall be deposited with the state treasurer.

- (i) Any time the authority is required to publish a notification pursuant to the tax equity and fiscal responsibility act of 1982, the authority shall further publish such notification in the Kansas register and on the Kansas development finance authority website.
- (j) Any time the authority issues private activity bonds, as defined in K.S.A. 74-5059, and amendments thereto, pursuant to this section, the authority shall publish notification of such issuance at least 14 days prior to any bond hearing in the official county newspaper of the county in which the project or activity financed by such bonds are located and in the Kansas register.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 74-8909 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8909. Any pledge of revenues, moneys, funds or other property made by the authority or by an affiliate corporation organized pursuant to K.S.A. 74-8904(v), and amendments thereto, shall be valid and binding from the time when such pledge is made and the revenues, moneys, funds or other property so pledged and thereafter received by the authority or such affiliate corporation shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge without such physical delivery thereof or further act on the part of the authority or such affiliate corporation, and the lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the authority or such affiliate corporation, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Neither the authorizing resolution nor any other instrument by which a pledge is created need be filed or recorded except in the records of the authority or such affiliate corporation.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 74-8910 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-8910. No director, employee or officer of the authority shall be liable personally for any reason arising from the service of such person as a

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- director, employee or officer of the authority or any-subsidiary affiliate 1
- corporations created pursuant to this act unless such person acted with willful, wanton or fraudulent misconduct or intentionally tortuous conduct. 3
- The authority and any subsidiary affiliate corporation created pursuant to 4
- K.S.A. 74-8904(v), and amendments thereto, shall be considered a 5
- governmental entity for purposes of the Kansas tort claims act, K.S.A. 75-6 7
 - 6102, and amendments thereto.
- 8 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 74-8909 and 74-8910 and K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 74-8904 and 74-8905 are hereby repealed. 9
- Sec. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its 10 publication in the Kansas register. 11