

SENATE BILL No. 305

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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9 AN ACT concerning taxation; establishing the tax modernization
10 commission.

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

13 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the tax modernization
14 commission.

15 (b) The commission shall consist of 20 members to be appointed as
16 follows:

17 (1) Nine members to be appointed by the governor to represent the
18 following interests and contribute expertise as follows:

19 (A) One member shall represent large business;

20 (B) one member shall represent small business;

21 (C) one member shall represent senior citizens;

22 (D) one member shall represent low-income and middle-income
23 families;

24 (E) one member shall represent cities in Kansas;

25 (F) one member shall represent counties in Kansas;

26 (G) one member shall represent educational needs and resources in
27 Kansas;

28 (H) one member who is a professor at a regents institution with ex-
29 pertise as an economist; and

30 (I) one member who shall be a licensed tax practitioner;

31 (2) the secretary of revenue or the secretary's designee;

32 (3) one member to be appointed by the president of the senate;

33 (4) one member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
34 representatives;

35 (5) one member to be appointed by the majority leader of the senate;

36 (6) one member to be appointed by the majority leader of the house
37 of representatives;

38 (7) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

39 (8) one member to be appointed by the minority leader of the house
40 of representatives;

41 (9) the chairperson of the standing committee on assessment and
42 taxation of the senate, or like committee;

43 (10) the chairperson of the standing committee on taxation of the

1 house of representatives, or like committee;

2 (11) the ranking minority member of the standing committee on as-
3 sessment and taxation of the senate, or like committee; and

4 (12) the ranking minority member of the standing committee on tax-
5 ation of the house of representatives, or like committee.

6 (c) The commission shall have the following duties:

7 (1) To study the changing nature of the Kansas economy and its re-
8 lationship to tax revenues and collections and tax fairness and equity;

9 (2) to create a blueprint for a tax structure that reflects the changing
10 Kansas economy and that maintains sufficient revenues to provide for
11 effective and efficient state operations long into the future; and

12 (3) to recommend legislation necessary to carry out the recommen-
13 dations of the commission.

14 (d) The commission shall organize by the election from its member-
15 ship of a chairperson and a secretary. The commission may adopt such
16 rules and procedure as the commission deems necessary for the conduct
17 of business. The commission shall meet at least four times a year. The
18 chairperson may call additional meetings. A majority of members shall
19 constitute a quorum. The chairperson may appoint such subcommittees
20 as necessary to assist the commission in its duties.

21 (e) Members of the commission attending meetings and subcommit-
22 tee meetings of such commission shall be paid amounts as provided in
23 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

24 (f) The commission shall submit a report with the commission's find-
25 ings and recommendations including any recommendations for necessary
26 legislation to the legislature by the first day of the 2009 legislative session.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the statute book.