

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2026

HOUSE BILL No. 2571

By Committee on Local Government

Requested by Representative Brunk

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AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to road maintenance; requiring cost-sharing agreements between municipalities for the maintenance of shared roads; amending K.S.A. 68-169 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 68-169 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-169. (a) ~~Any county, city or political subdivision of this state~~ *municipality* shall have the authority to enter into written agreements with each other or with the secretary of transportation with respect to the planning, designing, financing, constructing, reconstructing, maintaining, acquiring of right-of-way or establishing the controlled access facilities of any existing or proposed highway, road, street or connecting link, including bridges, traffic control devices and other such improvements located thereon. Expenditures made pursuant to such agreements shall be considered proper expenditures of public funds, including state funds, notwithstanding the location of such improvement or facility outside the boundary or jurisdiction of such county, city or political subdivision.

(b) (1) *If a highway, road or street is abutted on opposite sides by territory under the jurisdiction of two different municipalities, the governing bodies of such municipalities shall enter into a cost-sharing agreement to allocate the responsibilities for the improvement, operation and maintenance of public services and infrastructure related to such highway, road or street. Such cost-sharing agreement shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for:*

(A) *Roadway construction and maintenance;*  
(B) *drainage;*  
(C) *signage;*  
(D) *utilities; and*  
(E) *any other public services or infrastructure customarily provided for highways, roads or streets.*

(2) **Any such cost-sharing agreement for a highway, road or street that was abutted on opposite sides by territory under the jurisdiction of two different municipalities as of July 1, 2026, shall be executed by such municipalities on or before January 1, 2027. For any highway,**

1 road or street that becomes subject to the provisions of this subsection  
2 after July 1, 2026, the cost-sharing agreement for such highway, road  
3 or street required by this subsection shall be executed by such  
4 municipalities within 180 days from the date of the action that caused  
5 such highway, road or street to become subject to the provisions of this  
6 subsection.

7 (3) *No governing body shall undertake a material improvement to*  
8 *any highway, road or street that is subject to a cost-sharing agreement,*  
9 *unless such improvement is authorized by or consistent with such*  
10 *agreement.*

11 (c) *For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any county,*  
12 *city or other political subdivision of this state.*

13 (d) This section shall not be construed as amending or repealing any  
14 existing law relating to the same subject but shall be construed as  
15 supplementary thereto.

16 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 68-169 is hereby repealed.

17 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
18 publication in the statute book.