Session of 2024

## SENATE BILL No. 510

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning cities; requiring cities to reconnect property to the city sewer system upon request of the property owner; amending K.S.A. 12-631 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 12-631 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-631. (a) Any city may-in the manner hereinafter provided, by ordinance, require persons and property owners owning buildings within-such the city, which when buildings are, or shall be located near a sewer, or in a block within any sewer district in-said the city through which a sewer extends, to make such connections with the sewer system, as may be necessary in the judgment of the board of health or in the event such city does not have a board of health, in the judgment of the governing body for the protection of the health of the public, for the purpose of disposing of all substances from any such building affecting the public health-which that may be lawfully and properly disposed of by means of such sewer, and

- (b) If any person or persons, shall fail, neglect or refuse to so connect any building or buildings with the sewer system—as herein provided for, for more than 10 days after being notified in writing by the board of health or governing body of—such the city to do so,—such the city may cause—such the buildings to be connected with—said the sewer system, or may advertise for bids for the construction and making of such sewer connections, and contract—therefor with the lowest responsible bidder or bidders,—and. The city may assess the costs and expense—thereof against the property and premises so connected in the manner provided by law.
- (c) All costs incurred by the city under the provisions of this section may be financed, until the assessment is paid, out of the general fund or by the issuance of no-fund warrants. Whenever no-fund warrants are issued under the authority of this act, the governing body of such the city shall make a tax levy-at the first tax levying period for the purpose of paying such the warrants and the interest thereon. All such tax levies shall be in addition to all other levies—authorized or limited by law and shall not be subject to the aggregate tax levy prescribed in article 19 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. Such The warrants shall be issued, registered, redeemed and bear interest in the

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1 manner and in the form as prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2940, and amendments
2 thereto, except they shall not bear the notation required by—said section
3 K.S.A. 79-2940, and amendments thereto, and may be issued without the
4 approval of the state board of tax appeals. All moneys received from
5 special assessments levied under the provisions of this section shall, when
6 paid, be placed in the general fund of the city.

- (d) Any city that has previously provided sewer service to a property that was disconnected from such system, shall reconnect such property to the sewer system within—10 30 days of the request of the property owner at no cost to such property owner, if the disconnection was not a failure to pay sewer fees.
- Sec. 2. K.S.A. 12-631 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.