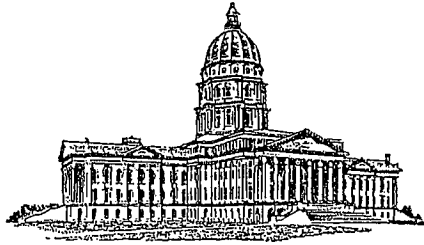


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Currently, under K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 32-833, when the secretary of wildlife and parks seeks to purchase a tract or tracts of land greater than 640 acres in the aggregate, the legislature must approve that purchase. However, the secretary of wildlife and parks does not need legislative approval if the land is owned by a private individual and the purchase price is less than the appraised value of the land.

HB 2149 lowers the aggregate acreage threshold amount that would require approval by act of the legislature from 640 to 160 acres. The bill also removes the exception that allows for a purchase of land without such legislative approval from a private individual if the purchase price is less than the appraised value of the land.

Therefore, when the secretary of wildlife and parks seeks to purchase any tract or tracts of land, regardless of current owner or appraised value, and such tract or tracts is greater than 160 acres in the aggregate, the secretary would be required to get approval from the legislature to purchase such land.

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Attachment 2