

**HOUSE BILL No. 2160**

By Committee on Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning taxation; establishing the committee on simplified  
2 state tax structure; prescribing membership, duties and responsibilities  
3 thereof.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the committee on  
7 simplified state tax structure. The committee shall study the overall tax  
8 structure and policy of the state of Kansas by reviewing the relationship  
9 of the various taxes imposed by the state to each other and to the  
10 economy and identify a tax structure that operates in the best interests of  
11 Kansas citizens with a goal to formulate a simple and effective tax  
12 structure. The committee shall particularly study ways to decrease tax  
13 rates of such taxes imposed by the state by broadening the tax base upon  
14 which each tax is imposed and restructuring the current tax structure in  
15 Kansas.

16 (b) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall consist of  
17 13 members. Of such members, six shall be members of the house of  
18 representatives, five shall be members of the senate and two shall  
19 represent the public at large. The house of representatives members shall  
20 be the chairperson, vice-chairperson and ranking minority member of the  
21 committee on taxation, two members appointed by the speaker of the  
22 house and one member appointed by the minority leader of the house.  
23 The senate members shall be the chairperson, vice-chairperson and  
24 ranking minority leader of the committee on assessment and taxation, one  
25 member appointed by the president of the senate and one member  
26 appointed by the minority leader of the senate. The two members to  
27 represent the public at large shall be appointed by the governor.

28 (c) The committee shall elect annually from among its members a  
29 chairperson. Any vacancy in the membership of the committee on  
30 simplified state tax structure shall be filled by appointment in the manner  
31 prescribed by this section for the original appointment.

32 (d) A quorum of the committee on simplified state tax structure shall  
33 be seven members. All actions of the committee shall be taken by a  
34 majority of all of the members of the committee.

35 (e) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall meet during  
36 the 2011 and 2012 interims and shall meet five times during each interim.

1 During each interim the committee shall meet two times in Topeka and  
2 one time in a location chosen by the committee in congressional districts  
3 one, three and four to provide the opportunity for full citizen input for the  
4 committee's consideration in making the committee's findings and  
5 recommendations.

6 (f) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of  
7 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to  
8 special committees shall apply to the committee on simplified state tax  
9 structure to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific  
10 provisions of this act applicable to the committee.

11 (g) Members of the committee on simplified state tax structure  
12 including public members shall receive compensation, travel expenses  
13 and subsistence expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and  
14 amendments thereto, when attending meetings authorized by the  
15 committee.

16 (h) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the Kansas  
17 legislative research department and other central legislative staff service  
18 agencies, and professors from not more than three regents institutions as  
19 chosen by the chairperson of the committee, shall provide such assistance  
20 as may be requested by the committee.

21 (i) The committee on simplified state tax structure shall submit a  
22 report to the legislature and to the committee on taxation of the house of  
23 representatives and the committee on assessment and taxation of the  
24 senate before December 31, 2011, and December 31, 2012, with any  
25 findings and recommendations which such committee deems necessary  
26 including the recommendation of any legislation necessary to carry out  
27 the recommendations of the committee.

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

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