28-115a. Register of deeds technology fund. (a) There is hereby created in each county a register of deeds technology fund.

(b) Upon receipt thereof, the county treasurer shall credit to the register of deeds technology fund of the county all moneys attributable to the fees collected pursuant to subsection (b) of K.S.A. 28-115, and amendments thereto.

(c) Moneys in the register of deeds technology fund shall be used by the register of deeds to acquire equipment and technological services for the storing, recording, archiving, retrieving, maintaining and handling of data recorded or stored in the office of the register of deeds.

(d) Moneys in such fund shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 through 79-2937, and amendments thereto. In making the budget of the county, the amounts credited to, and the amount on hand in, such special fund and the amount expended from such fund shall be shown on the budget for the information of the taxpayers of the county. Any action taken by the register of deeds under this subsection shall be in accordance with K.S.A. 19-1202, and amendments thereto.

(e) Moneys in such fund may be invested in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-131, and amendments thereto, with interest thereon credited to such fund.

(f) The fund shall be administered by the county treasurer who shall pay out moneys from the fund upon orders signed by the register of deeds.

(g) At the end of any calendar year, if the balance in such fund exceeds \$50,000 and the register of deeds indicates that such amount in excess of \$50,000 shall not be needed and is not designated for technology, the county commission may authorize the transfer and use of such excess moneys by other county offices for equipment or technological services relating to the land or property records filed or maintained by the county.

(h) If a charter form of government is adopted and implemented pursuant to K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, the provisions of this section shall apply to the official, department or office which performs the duties and functions prescribed for the office of the register of deeds.

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