

19-2106. Homes for the aged; definition; establishment, procedure; tax levy, use of proceeds; issuance of bonds; election required; designation of infirmary or county home as home for the aged.

Any county may establish a "home for the aged," the same to be used as a home for aged persons, and such other persons as the board of county commissioners of the county shall direct, under such rules and regulations as the board of county commissioners shall prescribe. Homes for the aged shall also be construed, for the purposes of this act, to mean personal care homes, boarding homes, and nursing homes. Such homes for the aged as defined above shall be established in the following manner:

(a) The board of county commissioners of any county is hereby authorized to make an annual tax levy of not to exceed two mills upon the taxable tangible property of the county, or to issue and sell general obligation bonds of such county, for the purpose of creating and providing a special fund to be used in acquiring a site for, and the building, equipping, repairing, remodeling and furnishing of a home for the aged or for any one or more of such purposes. Said tax levy shall also be made to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county. Said tax levy may be made annually for a period not to exceed two years until sufficient funds have been created for said purpose or purposes. The board of county commissioners shall determine the total amount necessary to be raised for such purposes by the tax levy, but such amount shall not exceed four-tenths (4/10) of the one percent (1%) of the assessed tangible valuation of the county, and the aggregate of any such bonds issued and sold shall not exceed two percent (2%) of the assessed valuation of said county and the amount so determined shall be included in the resolution hereinafter provided for. The interest and principal of such fund may be used for the purposes as in this act provided. No tax levies or bond issue shall be made under the provisions of this section until a resolution authorizing the making of such tax levies to create such special fund or authorization to issue bonds be passed by the board of county commissioners nor until the question has been submitted to the voters at an election called for such purpose or at the next general election.

(b) If the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution as provided in subsection (a) then such board of county commissioners shall submit the question to the qualified electors of the county at the next general election to be held in the county, or if no general election shall be held within six months then at a special election called for that purpose. The tax herein authorized in subsection (a) is in addition to all other tax levies authorized by law, and shall not be subject to the limitations prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1947, and amendments thereto. Bonds issued under this act by any county shall not be subject to nor counted in determining the application of any other law limiting the amount of indebtedness of such county.

(c) The board of county commissioners may, by resolution designate a present existing county infirmary or county home to be a home for the aged, and after such resolution, the provisions of this act shall be applicable to such infirmary or home.

(d) The said county is hereby authorized, pending the actual collection and receipt of such proceeds authorized in subsections (a) and (b) to issue warrants of said county in an amount not exceeding the amount to be realized by such tax levy and not exceeding the amount necessary for such improvements. Such warrants shall be paid through the proceeds of the special levy hereinbefore authorized.

History: L. 1953, ch. 167, § 1; L. 1955, ch. 155, § 1; L. 1961, ch. 140, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 52, § 106; July 1.