

19-3901. Establishment and maintenance of public centers in certain counties; petition; election; tax levies or bonds; limitations. The board of county commissioners of any county which contains only one (1) incorporated city is hereby authorized to establish and maintain a public youth center and recreation grounds within said county as hereinafter provided, and may acquire and take title to lands and property by donation, devise, bequest, or purchase for the purpose of establishing such youth center and recreation grounds; and said board may purchase, erect, and maintain such buildings, improvements, facilities, and equipment as may be required for such purpose.

The board of county commissioners may submit the question of the establishing, improving, and equipping such a youth center to the qualified electors of the county, at a general election or at a special election called for such purpose; or if petitioned by more than twenty percent (20%) of the qualified electors of such county as determined by the vote for secretary of state at the last preceding election, the board shall submit the question at a general election or special election called for such purpose. There shall also be submitted at the same election the question of whether the funds required for the establishing, improving, and equipping of such youth center and recreation grounds shall be raised by the issuance of bonds or by a special tax levy therefor. If a majority of those voting on such propositions shall vote in favor of establishing such a youth center and recreation grounds, and shall elect to raise the funds necessary therefor by the issuance of bonds, then the county commissioners may issue general obligation bonds of the county in the sum determined necessary by the board to purchase the land and establish, improve, and equip the youth center and recreation grounds, but such sum shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). All such bonds shall be issued, registered, sold, delivered, and retired in accordance with the provisions of the general bond law. Such bonds shall not be subject to nor within any bonded debt limitation prescribed by the laws of the state, and shall not be considered or included in applying any other law limiting bonded indebtedness.

If a majority of those voting on the proposition shall vote in favor of establishing such a youth center and recreation grounds, and elect to raise the funds necessary therefor by a special tax levy, then said county commissioners are authorized and directed to levy a tax upon all of the taxable tangible property of the county in the amount determined necessary to purchase the property and improve and equip the youth center and recreation grounds, but the tax so levied shall not exceed one (1) mill on each dollar of the assessed tangible valuation of such county for one year. The tax levy herein authorized shall be in addition to all other tax levies authorized or limited by law, and shall not be subject to nor within the aggregate tax levy limits prescribed by K.S.A. 79-1947, or any amendments thereto.

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