**80-304.** Annual report of trustee to county commissioners; liability of township auditing board; copies of report available for inspection. (a) The township trustee, at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners next succeeding the annual settlement of the township treasurer and road overseers, shall make a complete report of the affairs of the township for the preceding year, stating in detail the items of account audited and allowed, the nature of each account, and the name of each person to whom such an account was allowed. Such report shall specify the amount of compensation and amount of reimbursement of expenses paid to members of the township board pursuant to K.S.A. 80-207, and amendments thereto. Such report shall be verified by affidavit and shall be examined by the board of county commissioners. If found correct and in conformity to law, the board shall approve the report and accounts and the same shall be filed in the office of the county clerk of such county. Copies of the report shall be made available upon request. If such report and accounts are found not correct, or not in conformity to law, the board shall cite such township auditing board to appear before it and correct any errors appearing therein. Such township auditing board and their bondsmen shall be liable to their township for the amount of any and all accounts or demands by them allowed or paid in excess of that authorized by law for any purpose. It shall be the duty of the county attorney of such county to prosecute any and all suits in the name of such township for the recovery of the same, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

(b) Payments made prior to August 2, 1996, to township officers for duties and services performed pursuant to K.S.A. 68-525, 68-530, 68-531, 68-542, 80-207, 80-302, 80-304, 80-410, 80-1204, 80-1407, 80-1501, 80-1544 and 80-2002, and amendments thereto, or while actually and necessarily conducting township business are hereby validated.

**History:** L. 1885, ch. 168, § 11; R.S. 1923, 80-304; L. 1984, ch. 371,§ 2; L. 1996, ch. 184, § 7; L. 1997, ch. 153, § 1; July 1.