AN ACT concerning certain counties; dealing with county treasurers; amending K.S.A. 19-501 and 19-504 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) In addition to any other provisions of law, the board of county commissioners of any county with a population of 50,000 or more may submit to an election the question of abolishing the office of county treasurer and providing instead for the appointment of such office by the board of county commissioners by passage of a resolution calling for such election.

(b) Each proposition shall state: "Shall the county elected office of county treasurer be abolished and the position be appointed by the board of county commissioners?" If a majority of those voting in the election vote in favor of the proposition, the office of county treasurer shall become an appointive office at the end of the term of such elected officer.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-501 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19-501. Each county treasurer elected at the general election in 1976 shall serve until the second Tuesday in October of 1981 and until a successor is elected and qualified. At the general election in 1980, and every four (4) years thereafter, except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto, a county treasurer shall be elected in each county for a term of four (4) years, commencing on the second Tuesday in October following the election, and until a successor is elected and qualified. Such the county treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of the office, execute to the state of Kansas a corporate surety bond issued by a company authorized to do business in this state and approved by the board of county commissioners in an amount of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000). Such the bond, with the approval of the board endorsed thereon by the clerk, shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. In the event the board of commissioners shall not be in session in time for any county treasurer to present such bond for their approval as above specified, or such the county treasurer shall be unable, for any reason, to present such bond at any regular meeting of the board after due notice of such the county treasurer's election, such the county treasurer may present such bond to the chairman chairperson or clerk of the board
for approval, and the approval endorsed thereon shall have the same effect
as if done by the board of county commissioners. In the event the amount
of the bond is approved by only the chair or the clerk of
the board, it shall not be less than twice the amount of all moneys directed
by the board to be levied in the county during the previous year.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 19-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-504.
Except as provided in section 1, and amendments thereto, in case the office
of county treasurer shall become vacant, there shall be appointed a
successor to perform the duties of such treasurer, and the person so
appointed, upon giving bond, with the like sureties and conditions as that
required in county treasurer's bonds, and in such sum as the
board of county commissioners shall direct, shall be invested with all the
duties of such the county treasurer. If the vacancy occurs on or after May 1
of the second year of the term, the person so appointed shall serve for the
remainder of the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and
qualifies. If the vacancy occurs before May 1 of the second year of the
term, the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until a successor
is elected and qualifies at the next general election to serve the remainder
of the unexpired term. Nomination and election of such successor shall be
in the same manner as nomination and election of a county treasurer for a
regular term. Appointments hereunder shall be made in the manner
provided by law for filling vacancies in the office of member of the house
of representatives.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 19-501 and 19-504 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.