AN ACT concerning municipalities; relating to approval of budgets; requiring certain notifications; amending K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-2925b. (a) Without a majority vote so providing, the governing body of any municipality shall not approve any appropriation or budget, as the case requires, which may be funded by revenue produced from property taxes, and which provides for funding with such revenue in an amount exceeding that of the next preceding year, adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index for all urban consumers as published by the United States department of labor for the preceding calendar year. If the total tangible property valuation in any municipality increases from the next preceding year due to increases in the assessed valuation of existing tangible property and such increase exceeds changes in the consumer price index, the governing body shall lower the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied to the amount of ad valorem tax levied in the next preceding year, adjusted to reflect changes in the consumer price index. This subsection shall not apply to ad valorem taxes levied under K.S.A. 72-6431, 76-6b01 and 76-6b04, and amendments thereto, and any other ad valorem tax levy which was previously approved by the voters of such municipality. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, nothing herein shall prohibit a municipality from increasing the amount of ad valorem tax to be levied if the municipality approves the increase with a majority vote of the governing body and publishes such vote as provided in subsection (c).

(b) Revenue that, in the current year, is produced and attributable to the taxation of:

(1) New improvements to real property;
(2) increased personal property valuation, other than increased valuation of oil and gas leaseholds and mobile homes;
(3) property located within added jurisdictional territory; or
(4) property which has changed in use shall not be considered when determining whether revenue produced from property has increased from the next preceding year.

(c) In the event the governing body votes to approve any
appropriation or budget, as the case requires, which may be funded by
revenue produced from property taxes, and which provides for funding
with such revenue in an amount exceeding that of the next preceding year
as provided in subsection (a), notice of such vote shall be published in the
official county newspaper of the county where such municipality is located
within 30 days following the adoption of such budget in a weekly or daily
newspaper of the county having a general circulation therein. A
municipality located in more than one county shall publish notice of such
vote in a weekly or daily newspaper of the municipality having a general
circulation therein and for a period of not less than 10 days on the official
website of the county of greatest valuation of the municipality or, in the
absence thereof, on a website designated by the secretary of
administration.

(d) The provisions of this section shall be applicable to all fiscal and
budget years commencing on and after the effective date of this act.
(e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to revenue received
from property tax levied for the sole purpose of repayment of the principal
of and interest upon bonded indebtedness, temporary notes and no-fund
warrants.
(f) For purposes of this section, "municipality" means any political
subdivision of the state which levies an ad valorem tax on property and
includes, but is not limited to, any county, township, municipal university,
school district, community college, drainage district or other taxing
district. "Municipality" shall not include any such political subdivision or
taxing district which receives $1,000 or less in revenue from property
taxes in the current year.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 79-2929 is hereby amended to read as follows: 79-
2929. Prior to the filing of the adopted budget with the county clerk, the
governing body of each taxing or political subdivision or municipality
shall meet for the purpose of answering and hearing objections of
taxpayers relating to the proposed budget and for the purpose of
considering amendments to such proposed budget. The governing body
shall give at least 10 days' notice of the time and place of the meeting by
publication in a weekly or daily newspaper of the county having a general
circulation therein. A taxing or political subdivision or municipality
located in more than one county shall give at least 10 days' notice of the
time and place of the meeting by publication in a weekly or daily
newspaper of the municipality having general circulation therein and for a
period of not less than 10 days on the official county website of the county
of greatest valuation of the municipality or, in the absence thereof, on a
website designated by the secretary of administration. Such notice shall
include the proposed budget and shall set out all essential items in the
budget except such groupings as designated by the director of accounts
and reports on a special publication form prescribed by the director of accounts and reports and furnished with the regular budget form. The notice of a governing body of any taxing subdivision or municipality having an annual expenditure of $500 or less shall specify the time and place of the meeting required by this section but shall not be required to include the proposed budget of such taxing subdivision or municipality.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 79-2929 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 79-2925b are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.