

HOUSE BILL No. 2511

AN ACT concerning roads and highways; relating to traffic-control devices, maintenance thereof, counties and townships; townships, special highway improvement fund; amending K.S.A. 68-589 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-2005 and 68-526 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-2005 is hereby amended to read as follows: 8-2005. (a) Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall place and maintain such traffic-control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary to indicate and to carry out the provisions of this act or local traffic ordinances or to regulate, warn or guide traffic. All such traffic-control devices hereafter erected shall conform to the state manual and specifications.

(b) Local authorities in exercising those functions referred to in subsection (a) shall be subject to the direction and control of the secretary of transportation with respect to highways and streets designated by the secretary as connecting links in the state highway system.

(c) ~~In townships located in Douglas, Johnson, Riley, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties, the township board shall place and maintain traffic-control devices, other than regulatory signs, on township roads under the board's jurisdiction. In addition, such township board shall place and maintain regulatory signs on township roads under the board's jurisdiction consistent with resolutions of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the township road is located. For this purpose, a regulatory sign is a sign setting forth a regulation, the violation of which subjects the operator of the motor vehicle to fine, imprisonment, or both.~~  
*In all counties operating under the county-township system, responsibilities for traffic-control devices and signage shall be as follows:*

(1) *Counties shall maintain the county roads and shall place and maintain traffic-control devices on county roads. Counties shall maintain and place on township roads signs related to county culverts and county bridges, and construction signage related to county projects on township roads.*

(2) *Township boards shall maintain the local township roads and shall place and maintain traffic-control signage on such township roads, except as provided in paragraph (1). Regulatory signs on township roads under the township board's jurisdiction shall be consistent with resolutions of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the township road is located.*

(3) *For purposes of this subsection, a regulatory sign is a sign setting forth a regulation, the violation of which subjects the operator of the motor vehicle to a fine, imprisonment, or both. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as precluding the board of county commissioners from placing and maintaining traffic-control devices or street name signs on township roads, if the board determines that traffic-control devices or signs placed by a township are inadequate, but the board of county commissioners shall have no obligation to do so not be required to take such action.*

(d) *In all counties operating under the county road unit system, responsibilities for traffic-control devices and signage shall be as follows:*

(1) *Counties shall maintain the county roads and township roads and shall place and maintain all traffic-control devices on such roads.*

(2) *Township boards shall not be responsible for roads or signage.*

(e) *In all counties operating under the general county rural highway system, responsibilities for traffic-control devices and signage shall be as follows:*

(1) *Counties shall maintain the county roads and township roads and maintain all traffic-control devices on such roads in accordance with K.S.A. 68-591 et seq., and amendments thereto.*

(2) *Township boards shall not be responsible for roads or signage.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 68-526 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-526. ~~(a) In all counties not operating under the county road unit system operating under the county-township system, the township board shall have the general charge and supervision of all township roads and township culverts in their respective townships. The board shall procure machinery, implements, tools, drain tile, stone, gravel and any other material or equipment required, for the construction or repair of such roads and culverts. All work shall be done in accordance with any plans and specifications and the general regulations to be prepared and furnished~~

by the county engineer. *The township board shall place and maintain all such traffic-control devices for township roads as provided by K.S.A. 8-2005, and amendments thereto.*

~~(b) In townships located in Douglas, Johnson, Riley, Shawnee and Sedgwick counties, the township board shall place and maintain traffic control devices and guidance, warning and regulatory signs on all township roads as provided by K.S.A. 8-2005, and amendments thereto.~~

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 68-589 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-589. As used in this act, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them by this section unless the context otherwise requires. (a) “Municipality” means any city ~~or~~ county *or township*.

(b) “Governing body” as applied to a county, means the board of county commissioners; ~~and~~ as applied to a city means the governing body of ~~such~~ *the city; and as applied to a township means the township board.*

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 68-589 and K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-2005 and 68-526 are hereby repealed.

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

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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HOUSE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE  
as amended \_\_\_\_\_

SENATE adopted  
Conference Committee Report \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*