

SENATE BILL No. 529

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-21

1 AN ACT creating the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center district act;
2 authorizing submission of the question of creating the Dwayne Peaslee
3 technical training center district to the voters of Douglas county;
4 providing for the establishment of such district, if approved, and the
5 powers and duties of its board of directors; authorizing such district to
6 levy a tax not exceed 0.5 mills on the tangible taxable property of the
7 district.
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 Section 1. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, shall be
11 known and may be cited as the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center
12 district act.

13 Sec. 2. As used in sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto:

14 (a) "Board" means the board of directors of the Dwayne Peaslee
15 technical training center district; and

16 (b) "district" means the Dwayne Peaslee technical training center
17 district, which includes all territory located in Douglas county.

18 Sec. 3. (a) The board of county commissioners of Douglas county
19 may submit the question of the creation of the Dwayne Peaslee technical
20 training center district to the voters of the county at the next primary
21 election or general election or at a special election called and held in
22 accordance with provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto.
23 Upon the adoption of a resolution calling for an election pursuant to this
24 section, the county election officer shall cause the following proposition to
25 be placed on the ballot at the election called for that purpose: "Shall a
26 Dwayne Peaslee Technical Training Center district be established and
27 authorized to levy a tax not to exceed 0.5 mills on all taxable tangible
28 property located in the district to fund the budget of the Dwayne Peaslee
29 Technical Training Center as determined by the board of directors of the
30 district?"

31 (b) If the question of establishing the district is approved by a
32 majority of those voting on the issue, the existing board of directors of the
33 Dwayne Peaslee technical training center shall be dissolved. The board of
34 county commissioners by resolution shall establish the first board of
35 directors of the district to include a seven-member board, the criteria for
36 serving on the board and term of office for members of the first board.

1 (c) Once appointed, the district board shall select board officers and
2 the method of selection and the term of office for future board members.

3 Sec. 4. All contracts previously entered into by the Dwayne Peaslee
4 technical training center shall be binding on the district, and all
5 outstanding bonds, debts and other obligations of the center shall become
6 an obligation of the district.

7 Sec. 5. (a) Each year the board of directors shall meet and organize
8 by the election of a chairperson, secretary and treasurer and such other
9 officers as the board may deem necessary by a majority vote. The board
10 shall fix the date and place of its regular meetings. Special meetings may
11 be called by the chairperson or a majority vote of the district board.
12 Written notice stating the time, place and purpose of any special meeting,
13 unless waived, shall be given to each director at least two days prior to
14 such meeting, and no business other than that stated in the notice shall be
15 transacted at such meeting. The district board may adopt such bylaws as
16 the board may deem appropriate, consistent with the provisions of this act.

17 (b) The treasurer shall give bond, in an amount fixed by the board.
18 The bond shall be filed with the Douglas county clerk. The treasurer shall
19 pay out the funds on orders of the board, signed by the chairperson and
20 secretary of the board. The treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all
21 moneys received and disbursed thereby and make a monthly report thereof
22 to the board, or as often as the board requires.

23 Sec. 6. The district shall constitute a body corporate and politic and
24 shall have the power to:

- 25 (a) Enter into contracts;
- 26 (b) sue and be sued;
- 27 (c) acquire, hold and convey real and personal property;
- 28 (d) make and adopt rules and regulations for the administration of the
29 district;
- 30 (e) lease a site or sites and lease a building or buildings for district
31 purposes;
- 32 (f) acquire material and equipment deemed necessary by the board for
33 the maintenance and extension of the technical training center;
- 34 (g) employ such persons as the board deems necessary;
- 35 (h) receive, accept and administer any moneys appropriated or
36 granted to it by the state, the federal government or private industry;
- 37 (i) receive and accept any gift or donation to the district and
38 administer the same in accordance with any provisions thereof; and
- 39 (j) make annual reports to the board of county commissioners of
40 Douglas county, on or before January 31 of each year for the preceding
41 calendar year, showing receipts and disbursements from all funds under its
42 control and showing such statistical information relating to students served
43 and programs offered.

1 Sec. 7. (a) The district board shall prepare and publish an annual
2 budget for the maintenance and support of the district in accordance with
3 the provisions of K.S.A. 79-2925 et seq., and amendments thereto.

4 (b) The board is authorized to levy a tax of not to exceed 0.5 mills on
5 all taxable tangible property in the district to fund the budget as
6 determined by the district board. The tax shall be levied and collected in
7 like manner as other taxes and shall be kept by the district in a separate
8 fund. The tax levy shall not be considered a tax levy of Douglas county or
9 the city of Lawrence.

10 Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
11 publication in the statute book.