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**Special Session Concludes Passing Two Bills**

Today, the Kansas Legislature met in a 2024 Special Session, called by Governor Laura Kelly, to deal with state tax reform policy. The tax policy in [Senate Bill 1](#) includes:

- Two tax brackets – 5.2 percent and 5.58 percent
- The standard deduction is \$8,240 for married, \$6,000 for head of household and \$3,500 for single
- Personal tax exemption is \$18,320 for married, \$9,160 for single and \$2,320 for dependents
- Exempts the first \$75,000 in property taxes from 20 mill property tax for schools
- Eliminates the food sales tax in January as scheduled
- Eliminates income tax for social security income
- Expands the Child Care Tax Credit and dependent care tax credit to 50 percent of the federal allowance

The bill passed the Senate on a vote of [34-4](#). The bill passed the House on a vote of [121-2](#). The House and Senate then took up the Star Bonds legislation in [House Bill 2001](#), designed to provide an avenue for the recruitment of the Kansas City Chiefs and Royals. The legislation passed the House on a vote of [84-38](#) and the Senate on a vote of 27-8.

Both bills now go to Governor Laura Kelly, who will have the option to sign, veto or allow them to become law without a signature.

The House and Senate legislature will be up for election this summer for the primary on Aug. 6 and the general on Nov. 5. The new legislature is slated to return on Jan. 13, 2025.

**Summary of the 2024 Legislative Session Now Available**

The Kansas Legislature closed the 2024 session and set a return date of Jan. 13, 2025. All Senators and Representatives serving in Topeka will be up for election this year. As a reminder, the primary election in Kansas is on Aug. 6 and the general election will be held on Nov. 5. In each session, the Kansas Hospital Association provides a [summary](#) of bills of interest to members.