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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION NO. 83- 111

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Re:

Automobiles and Other Vehicles--Registration of Vehicles--Place for Registering Antique Motor Vehicles

Synopsis: Pursuant to K.S.A. 8-168, each antique motor vehicle must be registered in the county in which the owner thereof resides. Cited herein: K.S.A. 8-129,

8-168.

Dear Mr. Durr:

You seek our opinion on whether K.S.A. 8-129(a) permits a person, who resides in Johnson County and who has agribusiness interests in Rice County, the privilege of registering in Rice County certain antique motor vehicles which are owned by this person.

In our judgment, the provisions of K.S.A. 8-129 do not control the registration of these motor vehicles, because the registration of antique motor vehicles is governed by specific statutes, codified as K.S.A. 8-166 et seq. We note in particular K.S.A. 8-168, which provides:

"Application for the registration of a vehicle required to be registered here-under [antique motor vehicles registered pursuant to L. 1955, Ch. 62] shall be made by the owner thereof, by mail or otherwise, in the office of the county treasurer of the county in which such owner resides, upon the appropriate form furnished by the division of vehicles." (Emphasis added.)

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Thus, unlike K.S.A. 8-129(a), which prescribes that vehicles shall be registered in the county in which the owner resides or has a bona fide place of business, K.S.A. 8-168 requires that antique motor vehicles be registered in the county of the owner's residence.

Consequently, we are of the opinion that these antique motor vehicles must be registered in Johnson County.

Very truly yours,

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