

SENATE BILL No. 194

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning hospital districts; relating to the qualifications of
2 hospital board members; removing the requirement that such members
3 be qualified electors; amending K.S.A. 80-2506 and repealing the
4 existing section.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
8 2506. (a) Every hospital shall be governed by a board composed of
9 members who are qualified electors *of the county where the hospital is*
10 *located or of any county adjacent to such county {and own real property*
11 *located in the territory included in the taxing district of the hospital}*. The
12 board shall be composed of three, five, seven or nine members. *A majority*
13 *of the members of the board shall be residents of the county where the*
14 *hospital is located*. Whenever the number of members of a board is
15 increased, the expiration of the terms of the members selected for the new
16 positions on the board shall be fixed to coincide with the expiration of the
17 terms of the members serving on the board at the time of the creation of
18 the new positions so that not more than a simple majority of the members
19 of the board is selected at the same time.

20 (b) Upon presentation to the board of commissioners of the county ~~in~~
21 ~~which~~ *where* the hospital district, or the greater portion of the territory
22 thereof, is located, of a petition requesting a change in the number of board
23 members signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the
24 district, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners, at its
25 next regular meeting, to examine the petition. The petition shall set forth
26 the requested number of board members. If the board of county
27 commissioners finds that the petition is sufficient and regular and in due
28 form as is provided in this section, the board of county commissioners
29 shall direct the county election officer of the county to prepare ballots for a
30 special election, including ballots for that portion of the district located in
31 any other county. The county election officers of each county shall present
32 the question to the qualified voters of the district at the next general
33 election in the counties, and the board of county commissioners of each
34 county shall certify the results of the votes cast in the county to the board

1 of county canvassers in the county ~~in which~~ *where* the ballots were
2 prepared. The change in number shall become effective at the next election
3 for board members if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the
4 question vote in favor of the change in number of board members.

5 (c) Subject to the provisions of ~~subsection (b)~~ of K.S.A. 80-2508(b),
6 and amendments thereto, members of the board of every existing hospital
7 shall serve as members of such board for the terms for which they were
8 selected and until their successors are selected and qualified. Except as
9 provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A. 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments
10 thereto, successors to such members shall be selected to serve for a term of
11 three years.

12 (d) Terms of members of the first board of any hospital established
13 under the provisions of this act shall be as provided for in ~~subsection (b)~~ of
14 K.S.A. 80-2504(b), and amendments thereto, and shall be staggered so that
15 terms of not more than a simple majority of the members expire at the
16 same time. Thereafter, except as provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A.
17 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments thereto, upon the expiration of terms of
18 members first selected, successors to such members shall be selected to
19 serve for terms of three years.

20 (e) Vacancies in the membership of a board occasioned by death,
21 removal, resignation or any reason other than expiration of a term shall be
22 filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the chairperson of the
23 board with the advice and consent of the remaining members of the board.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby repealed.

25 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
26 publication in the Kansas register.