

2023 Kansas Statutes

- 12-344. Same; consolidation plan, required provisions.** (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.
- (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the consolidation of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the plan shall:
- (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan;
 - (2) provide for the method of amendment of the plan;
 - (3) authorize the appointment of, or elimination of elective officials and offices;
 - (4) specify the effective date of the consolidation; and
 - (5) include other provisions determined necessary by the commission.
- (c) If the plan provides for the consolidation of the city and county, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b), the plan shall:
- (1) Fix the boundaries of the governing body's election districts, provide a method for changing the boundaries from time-to-time, any at-large positions on the governing body, fix the number, term and initial compensation of the governing body of the consolidated city-county and the method of election;
 - (2) determine whether elections of the governing body of the consolidated city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which such elections shall be held;
 - (3) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative duties of the consolidated city-county officials, provide for consolidation or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a consolidated city-county administrator or a city-county manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the general structure of the consolidated city-county government;
 - (4) provide for the official name of the consolidated city-county; and
 - (5) provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.
- (d) Vacancies in the governing body shall be filled as provided in K.S.A. 12-104a, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1996, ch. 11, § 5; L. 2015, ch. 88, § 72; July 1.