

HOUSE BILL No. 2175

AN ACT concerning geographic information, systems and services; establishing the Kansas geographic information systems policy board and the office of state geographic information systems officer.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. Sections 1 through 9, and amendments thereto, may be known and cited as the Kansas one map act.

Sec. 2. Kansas one map requires the implementation of an overall Kansas land and geographic resources program through the use of a geographic information system which requires cooperative methods for development and maintenance of spatial data between state and local governments in Kansas.

Sec. 3. As used in sections 2 through 9, and amendments thereto, unless the context shows otherwise:

(a) “Board” means the Kansas geographic information systems policy board.

(b) “Geographic information” means data and datasets containing location information including, but not limited to, remotely sensed imagery, global positioning systems files, geospatially referenced computer-aided design files, digital cartographic products, spatially enabled databases, and geospatial datasets locating and describing features and their attributes on, above or under the earth.

(c) “Geographic information systems” or “GIS” is an information system capable of capturing, integrating, storing, editing, analyzing, managing, sharing and displaying geographic information. A GIS involves computer hardware, software, networks and applications, as well as the people to operate, develop, administer and use them.

(d) “Spatial data” is also known as geospatial data or geographic information and means the data or information that identifies the geographic location of features and boundaries on earth, such as natural or constructed features, oceans and more. Spatial data is usually stored as coordinates and topology and is data that can be mapped. Spatial data is often accessed, manipulated or analyzed through geographic information systems (GIS).

Sec. 4. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas geographic information systems policy board within the office of information technology services.

(b) The board shall consist of 23 members:

(1) The governor shall appoint 11 members as follows: Five representatives of local government, including cities, counties or local government consortia of cities, counties, non-profit and private sector enterprises. Such members may include, but are not limited to, representatives from city and county commissions or planning councils, tribal government, law enforcement, county clerks, county appraisers and emergency planning divisions; two representatives of the board of regents institutions; and two executives representing the private sector. Members from the private sector may include, but are not limited to, representatives from the trucking industry, utilities, telecommunications, publishers, agriculturalists, oil and gas industry, chambers of commerce, aircraft and auto industry and the banking community; and two representatives from relevant statewide businesses or professional organizations, such as statewide associations of groundwater management districts, emergency planning, law enforcement, licensed surveyors and other relevant technical professions or agriculture-related businesses.

(2) The remaining 12 members shall be:

(A) The executive chief information technology officer of the office of information technology services or such officer’s designee;

(B) the director of the Kansas water office or such director’s designee;

(C) the state biologist of the Kansas biological survey or the state biologist’s designee;

(D) the state geologist of the Kansas geological survey or the state geologist’s designee;

(E) the executive director of the Kansas historical society or such executive director’s designee;

(F) the secretary of agriculture or such secretary’s designee;

(G) the secretary of health and environment or such secretary’s designee;

(H) the director of legislative research of the legislative research department or such director's designee;

(I) the secretary of revenue or such secretary's designee;

(J) the secretary of transportation or such secretary's designee;

(K) the state librarian or such librarian's designee; and

(L) the executive director of the information network of Kansas or such executive director's designee.

(c) Members appointed by the governor under subsection (b)(1) shall be appointed for a four-year term and until such member's successors are appointed and qualified, except as provided in subsection (d). Members not appointed by the governor under subsection (b)(1) shall serve consistent with their terms of office, employment or appointment.

(d) The governor may remove a member from the board for lack of attendance or lack of participation.

(e) The governor shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members of the board who shall serve as chairperson and vice-chairperson at the discretion of the governor. The board may elect other officers among its members and may establish any committees deemed necessary to discharge its duties.

(f) Board members shall not receive compensation, subsistence allowance, mileage or associated expenses from the state. Officers or employees of state agencies who serve on the board shall be authorized to serve on the board as part of their duties.

Sec. 5. The board shall:

(a) Establish public and private partnerships throughout Kansas to maximize value, minimize cost and avoid redundant activities in the development and implementation of geographic information systems;

(b) foster efficient and secure methods for data sharing at all levels of government;

(c) coordinate, review and provide recommendations on geographic information systems programs and investments and provide assistance with dispute resolution among geographic systems partners;

(d) continue to establish Kansas' leadership role in the national effort to improve capabilities for sharing geographic information and ideas with other states;

(e) promote the use of geographic information systems technologies as tools to break through structural and administrative boundaries to collaborate on shared problems and enhance information analysis and decision-making processes within all levels of government;

(f) shall be a standing advisory committee to the information technology executive council and shall provide a copy of its annual report to the council, as well as to the governor and both houses of the legislature; and

(g) shall work jointly with officials from other state agencies, organizations and county, municipal and tribal governments, as well as with businesses and organizations in the private sector who are concerned with the efficient management of the state's geographic information systems resources.

Sec. 6. (a) There is hereby established the office of state geographic information systems officer who shall be appointed by the governor and who shall serve in the office of information technology services.

(b) The state geographic information systems officer shall:

(1) Implement Kansas one map, an enterprise statewide mapping strategy that: (A) Supports Kansas state entities and local governments as they foster economic vitality, manage resources, educate, save and restore the natural environment, advance health initiatives, ensure public safety and support science; and (B) enables state entities and local governments to better implement and coordinate policies and programs across Kansas;

(2) implement and maintain the Kansas data access and support center, an enterprise geospatial data clearinghouse to include a central store and catalog of Kansas data and mapping services available to all state entities and the public;

(3) recruit a technical committee and appoint the technical committee chair;

(4) provide oversight for the development of the Kansas one map program and monitor Kansas one map metrics;

(5) establish and manage a Kansas one map communications plan and provide for Kansas one map education;

(6) maintain a liaison relationship with state, federal, regional, county and municipal organizations;

(7) promote, advertise and market applications, capabilities, benefits and results of the Kansas one map program;

(8) assist in the identification and capturing of funding to support the Kansas one map program; and

(9) recommend to the executive chief information technology officer rules and regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the Kansas one map act.

(c) The executive chief information technology officer may adopt rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the Kansas one map act.

Sec. 7. All state departments, agencies, commissions and boards shall cooperate with the Kansas geographic information systems policy board and the state geographic information systems officer in implementing the initiatives of Kansas one map.

Sec. 8. Funding for the Kansas data access and support center shall be continued through the office of information technology services and shall be directed to the Kansas geological survey which currently houses and supports this function.

Sec. 9. In order for the state geographic information systems officer to meet the goals set out in section 5, and amendments thereto, such officer will be supported with other office of information services as needed and available for coordination, standards development and implementation of workshops to research and promote effective uses of the geographic information systems assets and tools to achieve economic and operational benefits from the Kansas one map resource.

Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Passed the SENATE
as amended _____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

APPROVED _____

Governor.