SENATE BILL No. 34

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

AN ACT concerning the commission on emergency planning and
response; membership; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-5721 and
repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:
Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-5721 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 65-5721. (a) There is hereby established the commission on
emergency planning and response.
(b) The membership of the commission on emergency planning and
response shall consist of the agency head or secretary or a designated
person of authority from the following agencies:
(1) The fire marshal;
(2) the department of health and environment division of public
health;
(3) the department of health and environment division of environment
(4) the department of transportation;
(5) the Kansas highway patrol;
(6) the adjutant general;
(7) the department of commerce;
(8) the Kansas bureau of investigation; and
(9) the Kansas department of agriculture division of animal health.
(c) In addition, the membership of the commission on emergency
planning and response shall also consist of 18 members appointed by the
governor as follows:
(1) One individual shall be representative of counties;
(2) one individual selected to represent cities;
(3) three individuals selected to represent businesses and industries,
one of which represents broadcasting;
(4) one individual selected to represent agriculture, crop or livestock;
(5) one individual selected to represent transportation, trucking or
rail;
(6) one individual selected to represent energy;
(7) one individual selected to represent law enforcement officers;
(8) one individual selected to represent fire fighters;
(9) one individual selected to represent county emergency managers;
(10) one individual selected to represent emergency medical services;  
(11) one individual selected to represent public works services;  
(12) one individual selected to represent hospitals;  
(13) one individual selected to represent public health;  
(14) one individual selected to represent the tribes of Kansas act as a  
representative or liaison of any federally recognized tribe residing in the  
state;  
(15) one individual selected to represent individuals with disabilities;  
and  
(16) one individual selected to represent the seven regional homeland  
security councils.  
(d) A designee of the adjutant general shall serve as the secretary of  
the commission on emergency planning and response. The adjutant general  
shall provide staff support for the commission on emergency planning and  
response.  
(e) Of the members first appointed to the commission on emergency  
planning and response by the governor, one representative of cities, one  
representative of counties and one representative of business and industry  
shall serve a term of two years, and the remainder of the members  
appointed by the governor shall serve terms of three years. Thereafter,  
members appointed pursuant to subsection (c) shall serve terms of four  
years and until the successor has been appointed. Any vacancy in the  
office of an appointed member shall be filled for the unexpired term by  
appointment by the governor.  
(f) A chairperson shall be elected annually by the members of the  
commission. A vice-chairperson shall be designated by the chairperson to  
serve in the absence of the chairperson. The members serving as  
chairperson and vice-chairperson on July 1, 2013, shall serve in such  
positions until a date which is two years after the date the chairperson  
was elected. At such time, the vice-chairperson shall become chairperson  
and a new vice-chairperson, having been elected by the members of the  
commission, shall be seated. The chairperson and the vice-chairperson  
shall serve in such capacity for a period of two years, and at the  
conclusion of each two year period thereafter, the vice-chairperson shall  
become chairperson and a new vice-chairperson, having been elected by  
the members of the commission, shall be seated. The vice-chairperson  
shall serve in the absence of the chairperson.  
(g) For attending meetings of such commission, or attending a  
subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such commission, those  
members of the commission appointed by the governor shall be paid  
compensation,  subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as  
provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.  

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-5721 is hereby repealed.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.