40-106. Commissioner, election, term; vacancy. At the general election held in 1978 and each four (4) years thereafter, there shall be elected a commissioner of insurance for the state of Kansas, whose term of office shall be four (4) years beginning on the second Monday in January next succeeding such commissioner's election. In case of a vacancy in such office the governor shall appoint some suitable person to serve for the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified.