

**80-1544. Fire districts; governing body and auditing board; powers; compensation.** (a) The governing body of such fire district shall have full direction and control over the operation of such fire department and may select regular employees, provide for their compensation and furnish quarters for such employees if deemed desirable. The governing body also may provide for the organization of volunteer members of such department, to be compensated at a specified rate for fighting fires, responding to emergencies or attending meetings. In addition, the governing body may provide special clothing and equipment for such employees and volunteers, may insure such employees and volunteers against accidental death and injury in the performance of their duties, and may do all other things necessary or desirable to maintain and operate such department so as to furnish fire protection for the inhabitants of such district. In addition to the powers granted by this section, the governing body shall have any powers granted to a fire district under K.S.A. 80-1514a, and amendments thereto. Each of the members of the governing body may receive as compensation for services rendered in an amount determined by the governing body as provided by K.S.A. 80-207, and amendments thereto.

(b) The auditing board for the fire district shall meet once each month on the date designated by the board to examine and audit all claims against the fire district and shall file their annual report with the county clerk for the approval of the board of county commissioners before January 31 of the succeeding year. No claim against any township fire district shall be paid until approved by the auditing board. All claims approved by the auditing board shall be recorded by the clerk of the fire district in a book to be kept for that purpose. Any township officer serving on a fire district auditing board shall receive for such services in attending to township fire district business an amount to be fixed by the governing body of the fire district as provided by K.S.A. 80-207, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1965, ch. 553, § 5; L. 1971, ch. 327, § 1; L. 1985, ch. 336, § 1; L. 1996, ch. 184, § 13; L. 2002, ch. 150, § 7; July 1.