

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2285

By Committee on Veterans, Military and Homeland Security

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to legislative documents;  
2 establishing the Kansas legislature paper-free task force; specifying  
3 members and powers and duties.

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

6 Section 1. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas legislature  
7 paper-free task force which shall study and determine whether the Kansas  
8 legislature should adopt a paperless initiative in order to reduce the  
9 number of printed calendars, journals, bills, resolutions, reports and other  
10 legislative paperwork distributed to its legislative members, legislative  
11 staff and to members of the public. In making such determination, the  
12 Kansas legislature paper-free task force shall consider the following:

13 (1) The need to make such documents easily available to legislative  
14 members and staff, members of the public, state libraries and other  
15 interested parties;

16 (2) the need to protect the authenticity of and to preserve such  
17 documents;

18 (3) the cost of distributing such documents electronically; and

19 (4) compliance by the Kansas legislature with the open meetings act  
20 as provided in K.S.A. 75-4317 et seq., and amendments thereto, and the  
21 open records act as provided in K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments  
22 thereto.

23 (b) (1) The Kansas legislature paper-free task force shall be  
24 composed of ~~16~~ **14** members as follows:

25 (A) One member who is the chairperson of the joint committee on  
26 information technology;

27 (B) one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the  
28 president of the senate;

29 ~~(C) one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the~~  
30 ~~vice president of the senate;~~

31 ~~(D)~~—one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the  
32 majority leader of the senate;

33 ~~(E)~~ **(D)** one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by  
34 the minority leader of the senate;

35 ~~(F)~~ **(E)** one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by  
36 the speaker of the house of representatives;

- 1       ~~(G)~~ one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by the  
 2 speaker pro tem of the house of representatives;
- 3       ~~(H)~~ **(F)** one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by  
 4 the majority leader of the house of representatives;
- 5       ~~(I)~~ **(G)** one member who is a member of the legislature appointed by  
 6 the minority leader of the house of representatives;
- 7       ~~(J)~~ **(H)** the secretary of the senate or the secretary's designee;
- 8       ~~(K)~~ **(I)** the chief clerk of the house of representatives or the chief  
 9 clerk's designee;
- 10       ~~(L)~~ **(J)** the revisor of statutes or the revisor's designee;
- 11       ~~(M)~~ **(K)** the director of legislative research or the director's designee;
- 12       ~~(N)~~ **(L)** the director of legislative administrative services or the  
 13 director's designee;
- 14       ~~(O)~~ **(M)** the state librarian or the state librarian's designee; and
- 15       ~~(P)~~ **(N)** the legislative chief information technology officer or the  
 16 legislative chief information technology officer's designee.
- 17       (2) The secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of  
 18 representatives, the revisor of statutes, the director of legislative research,  
 19 the director of legislative administrative services, the state librarian and the  
 20 legislative chief information technology officer shall be non-voting, ex  
 21 officio members of the Kansas legislature paper-free task force.
- 22       (c) Appointments shall be made no later than August 1, ~~2015~~ **2016**.  
 23 All vacancies in the membership of the committee shall be filled in the  
 24 same manner as originally filled.
- 25       (d) The initial meeting of the Kansas legislature paper-free task force  
 26 shall be convened no later than September 1, ~~2015~~ **2016**. The chairperson  
 27 of the joint committee on information technology shall be the chairperson  
 28 of the Kansas legislature paper-free task force.
- 29       (e) The Kansas legislature paper-free task force may meet at any time  
 30 on the call of the chairperson. A majority of members shall constitute a  
 31 quorum. All actions of the council shall be by motion adopted by a  
 32 majority of those voting members present when there is a quorum.
- 33       (f) The staff of the office of revisor of statutes, the legislative research  
 34 department and the division of legislative administrative services shall  
 35 provide such assistance as may be requested by the Kansas legislature  
 36 paper-free task force and to the extent authorized by the legislative  
 37 coordinating council.
- 38       (g) The legislative members of the Kansas legislature paper-free task  
 39 force shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and  
 40 other expenses as provided by K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
- 41       (h) On or before the first day of the ~~2016~~ **2017** regular session of the  
 42 legislature, the Kansas legislature paper-free task force shall submit a  
 43 written report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature,

- 1 including, but not limited to, any recommendations for legislation.
- 2       Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.