AN ACT concerning the regional system of cooperating libraries;
amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 and repealing the existing
section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 75-2550. The system board shall consist of one or more
representatives selected by each of the boards participating in the regional
system, and one or more representatives appointed by the governor state
librarian to represent territory not within the district of participating
library board but within the territory of the regional system of cooperating
libraries. The petition provided for in K.S.A. 75-2549, and amendments
thereto, may propose the number of representatives of each such board, but
the determination thereof shall be made by the state board when approving
such petition. The state board shall consider any petition presented to it as
provided in this act and if it approves such petition it shall adopt a
resolution officially designating such particular regional system of
cooperating libraries and describing the territory thereof which shall
include one or more counties but shall exclude the territory of any taxing
district which regularly levies .25 or more mills of tax for the support of a
public library upon the request of the governing body of the district
making such levy. Any district so excluded may later petition to be added
to and included in the regional system of cooperating libraries from which
it was excluded and such petition shall be prepared and processed as other
petitions provided for by this act. Additional counties may be added to the
territory of any regional system of cooperating libraries upon petition by a
library board located in such county and such a petition shall be prepared
and processed as is provided in this act for initial petitions; except that the
prior approval in writing of a petition under this sentence shall be obtained
by the petitioning board from the regional board and attached to the
petition when submitted to the state board. Within two weeks after
receiving notice of approval of a petition provided for under this act the
board of each participating library and the governor state librarian shall
select the number of representatives determined by the state board and
shall certify the names and addresses of such representatives to the state
librarian board. The term of each such representative may be proposed in
the petition provided under K.S.A. 75-2549, and amendments thereto, but
shall not exceed four years, and the final determination of duration of
terms shall be made by the state board at the time of approval of the
petition.

Any taxing district which regularly levies .25 mill or more of tax for
the support of a public library, and which taxing district has been included
in a regional system, may petition to be excluded from the regional
system. Such petition shall be made and presented to the state board. The
state board shall consider any such petition and if such taxing district
meets the requirement for making such a petition and if excluding such
taxing district from the regional system will do no manifest harm thereto,
the state board may enter its order excluding and detaching such taxing
district from the regional system and making such adjustment to the
organization of such regional system as may be appropriate to continue the
operation of the regional system without interruption.

The system board shall have the authority and power to: (1) Operate a
system of library service to and for participating libraries; (2) the system
board may purchase service from a participating library for the benefit of
the regional system of cooperating libraries; (3) the system board may
contribute to or receive contribution from any participating library, and
may receive and utilize any gift of funds or property donated to the
regional system of cooperating libraries; (4) the system board may
contract with any one or more participating libraries and the board of each
participating library is hereby authorized to contract with the system board
or with any one or more other boards, but any such contract shall provide
that the same shall not take effect until approved by the state librarian; (5)
the system board may contract with any other system board or any board,
but any such contract shall provide that the same shall not take effect until
approved by the state librarian; and (6) employ a system librarian and
such other persons as the regional board may find convenient or necessary.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 75-2550 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
publication in the statute book.