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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member shall be elected and shall hold office from the second Monday in January succeeding such member's election until four years thereafter and until a successor is elected and has qualified.

The first election of members of the governing body of any water district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term, to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately eight months. Elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year for the member positions whose terms expire in that year.

(b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991, positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-year terms.

(c) Elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold office from the second Monday in January date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body following the final canvass of the election following such member's election until four years thereafter and until a successor is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be called and
conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be made to apply. Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and amendments thereto.

(d) In January, following each election, the board shall organize and not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall select from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall preside over any meetings at which the chairperson is not present. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members. All members shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials. The members of the board shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior to accepting office, the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a corporate surety bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of $10,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the member's duties and for the true and faithful accounting of all money that may come into the member's hands by virtue of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the office of the county clerk for the county in which the major portion of such water district is located after approval by the board of county commissioners of such county.

(e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the board not sooner than 15 days after such publication. If such vacancy occurs before May 1 of the second year of the term leaving an unexpired term of more than two years such appointee shall serve until the second Monday in January following the final canvass of the election after the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, and amendments thereto.

In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing on the second Monday in January following the final canvass of the election after the following general school election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or
ballot labels and returns of election with respect to such office shall be
designated as follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-2023. The term of office of each board member shall
commence on the second Monday in January following date of the first
regularly scheduled meeting of the board following the final canvass of the
election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an oath of office with
the county election office. Each member elected to a board of education
shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed and qualified and
shall serve for a term of four years.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-2120. The county election officer who conducts the city
election shall promptly certify to the city governing body the
determination of election results made by the county board of canvassers.
The term of office shall commence on the second Monday in January date
of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body following
certification of the election.

Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon
the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as
specified in K.S.A. 54-106, and amendments thereto, and every such oath
or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 25-21a01 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-21a01. (a) On and after January 1, 2017, all primary elections
for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any
municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and on
such date thereafter of odd-numbered years, and all general elections for
members of the governing body and other elected officials of any
municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in
November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

(b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected
officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in 2017 shall
expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, date of the first
regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body following the final
canvass of the election when newly elected members of the governing
body and other newly elected officials shall take office.

(c) The governing body of the municipality shall establish by
ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with
this act.

(d) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as
provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election
shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021 and 25-2108a, and
amendments thereto, or as otherwise required by law.

(e) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless
otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and
amendments thereto.

(f) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may
become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to
become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a
filing fee of $20.

(g) "Municipality" means: (1) Any city, consolidated city-county
created under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A.
2017 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, school district, any
board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and
amendments thereto, community college, drainage district, extension
district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto,
irrigation district, improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et
seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501
et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under K.S.A.
80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(2) The term does not include any special district where the election
of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of the special
district.

(h) Cities and hospital districts may provide for elections of elected
officials in even-numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of
office or for three-year terms of office for elected officials.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 80-2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of
the four methods described in this section may be used in the selection of
members of boards. The four methods are:

(1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of
the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board
which are to expire in such year.

(2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the
political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
hospital.

(3) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held
on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered
years for the positions on the board which are to expire in such year. All
positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take office on the
second Monday in January, date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of
the board following the final canvass of the election following the date of
election.

(B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member
shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the
political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the
filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that portion of the district located in any other county. The county election officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were prepared.

(D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is qualified to vote.

(4) (A) Elections of board members for three-year or four-year terms shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each year for the positions on the board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take office on the second Monday in January date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the board following the final canvass of the election.

(B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that portion of the district located in any other county. The county election officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were prepared.

(D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
qualified to vote.

(b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital is the method provided for in subsection (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(3) or (4) by majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof. Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(3) or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the change of method of selection shall expire on May 1 of the year in which the term of such member is to expire, except that for the purpose of electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other purposes, the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected pursuant to subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(4) by a majority vote of the board members.


Sec. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.