

HOUSE BILL No. 2215

By Committee on Agriculture

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas state fair board; authorizing the board to
2 establish a nonprofit corporation for the benefit of the state fair;
3 amending K.S.A. 74-520a and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-520a is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-
7 520a. (a) On and after March 15, 1995, the Kansas state fair board is
8 hereby established. The Kansas state fair board shall consist of the
9 following members:

10 (1) The secretary of agriculture or the successor of the secretary of
11 agriculture, or the secretary's designee;

12 (2) the secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee;

13 (3) the director of extension of Kansas state university of agriculture
14 and applied science, or the director's designee;

15 (4) one person appointed by the governor from three persons
16 nominated by the Kansas chamber of commerce and industry;

17 (5) one person appointed by the governor from three persons
18 nominated by the travel industry association of Kansas;

19 (6) one person appointed by the governor from three persons
20 nominated by the Kansas fairs association; and

21 (7) seven people from the general public appointed by the governor.
22 Of such people appointed, one shall be from each of the five extension
23 areas, as established in subsection (e), and two shall represent the state at
24 large. Directors of each extension area shall submit three nominations to
25 the governor. Such persons nominated shall be actively involved in
26 agriculture production or agribusiness.

27 (b) Of the persons initially appointed by the governor under
28 subsection (a), three shall have a term of one year, three shall have a term
29 of two years and three shall have a term of three years and until a
30 successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter, all members shall have
31 terms of three years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

32 (c) Any vacancy occurring on the Kansas state fair board shall be
33 filled as the original appointment was made.

34 (d) If any of the members able to appoint a designee does so, the
35 designee shall be appointed for a term of not less than one year.

36 (e) For the purpose of this section the state shall be divided into five

1 extension areas. The northwest extension area shall include the following
2 counties: Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur, Norton, Phillips, Smith, Osborne,
3 Rooks, Graham, Sheridan, Thomas, Sherman, Wallace, Logan, Gove,
4 Trego, Ellis, Russell, Barton, Rush and Ness. The southwest extension area
5 shall include the following counties: Greeley, Wichita, Scott, Lane,
6 Pawnee, Hodgeman, Finney, Kearny, Hamilton, Edwards, Ford, Gray,
7 Haskell, Grant, Stanton, Morton, Stevens, Seward, Meade, Clark,
8 Comanche and Kiowa. The south central extension area shall include the
9 following counties: Lincoln, Ottawa, Dickinson, Ellsworth, Saline, Rice,
10 McPherson, Marion, Reno, Harvey, Butler, Kingman, Sedgwick, Cowley,
11 Sumner, Harper, Barber, Pratt and Stafford. The southeast extension area
12 shall include the following counties: Morris, Chase, Lyon, Osage,
13 Franklin, Miami, Coffey, Anderson, Linn, Bourbon, Allen, Woodson,
14 Greenwood, Elk, Wilson, Neosho, Crawford, Chautauqua, Montgomery,
15 Labette and Cherokee. The northeast extension area shall include the
16 following counties: Jewell, Republic, Washington, Marshall, Nemaha,
17 Brown, Doniphan, Mitchell, Cloud, Clay, Riley, Pottawatomie, Jackson,
18 Atchison, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas,
19 Shawnee, Wabaunsee and Geary.

20 *(f) (1) The Kansas state fair board is authorized to establish a*
21 *nonprofit corporation organized under section 501(c)(3) of the internal*
22 *revenue code of 1986. The board of directors of the nonprofit corporation*
23 *shall consist of the members of the executive committee of the fair board,*
24 *the general manager and other directors designated by the fair board.*

25 *(2) The purpose of the nonprofit corporation shall be to receive gifts,*
26 *donations, grants and other moneys and engage in fundraising projects for*
27 *the benefit of the Kansas state fair.*

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-520a is hereby repealed.

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