

## 2023 Kansas Statutes

**19-4471. Law enforcement system board; membership; terms; elections; vacancies; compensation.** There is hereby established in each county adopting the provisions of this act a county law enforcement system board. The board shall have five (5) members who must be residents of such county, and shall not be employed by the agency as an officer nor in any other capacity, and shall be selected in the following manner: One (1) member shall be the chairman of the board of county commissioners of such county, or his designee; one (1) member shall be the mayor of the largest city located within such county, or his designee; one (1) member shall be the county attorney of such county; and two (2) members shall be elected by the qualified electors of the county to serve for terms of two (2) years. The other members of the board, or their designees, who are members ex officio shall remain eligible to serve as such only while holding such county or city office.

The elective members of the board shall be elected at the general election following the primary election at which the proposition for consolidated law enforcement in such county is adopted. Any person seeking election to such positions shall file a declaration of candidacy with the county election officer within thirty (30) days after such primary election, and the county election officer shall cause a special ballot to be prepared containing the names of those persons who have filed their declarations of candidacy within the time prescribed. Ballots for election of board members shall be prepared in such manner that each elector is instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled, and the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected, except that where there are more than six (6) qualified candidates for the elective member positions, the county election officer shall call and there shall be held, a special election on the second Tuesday in December. The names of the six candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any member position at the general election shall appear on the ballot at the special election, and the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

Board elections shall be nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is a crime, shall be applicable to board elections, and except as is provided in this paragraph, laws applicable to county elections shall apply to board elections to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

On the second Monday in January following adoption of this act the board members shall take and subscribe to an oath as other county officials. In case of a vacancy in either elected board member position, the remaining members of the board shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

Members of said board shall receive no compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 130, § 4; March 26.