

MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Burgess and members of the Committee on Government Efficiency
From: Jim Wilson, First Assistant Revisor
Date: February 14, 2012
Subject: HB 2669 – Repealing K.S.A. 19-901, 19-902, 19-903 and 19-904, relating to appointment for matrons for county jails

HB 2669 would repeal a series of statutes authorizing counties to appoint matrons for county jails and provided for other closely related authority with respect thereto. These statutes were first enacted in 1913 and were included in the 1923 recodification. The first section was amended in 1972 to remove language that restricted the section to counties of over 35,000 population. These statutes are printed in the hard bound Volume 2 of the KSA's.

These sections were recommended to the Office of Repealer and Tim Madden, Senior Counsel to the Secretary of Corrections, is listed as resource contact.

The act would take effect upon publication in the statute book.

19-901. Appointment of matron; compensation and duties. That the board of county commissioners of any county in this state may upon the nomination and recommendation of the sheriff of the county appoint and confirm a competent woman to be matron of the county jails of such county, and define her duties, and fix her compensation. History: L. 1913, ch. 154, § 1; L. 1919, ch. 166, § 1; R.S. 1923, 19-901; L. 1931, ch. 157, § 1; L. 1947, ch. 192, § 1; L. 1953, ch. 143, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 76, § 1; July 1.

19-902. Authority of matron; removal. Such matrons, when so appointed by the board of county commissioners, shall be members of the sheriff's force, shall have all the authority now delegated to a deputy sheriff, and shall be subject to such rules and regulations as the board of county commissioners shall prescribe; and they shall be subject to removal for cause. History: L. 1913, ch. 154, § 2; March 15; R.S. 1923, 19-902.

19-903. Quarters. The said board of county commissioners shall furnish the said matrons suitable rooms and accommodations in the jail buildings of said counties for the purposes of this act. History: L. 1913, ch. 154, § 3; R.S. 1923, 19-903; L. 1947, ch. 192, § 2; Feb. 26.

19-904. Duties of matron. It shall be the duties of such matrons, so long as any woman is detained and under arrest at said county jails, to remain at such jails for duty, they shall have the entire charge and care of all women so arrested and detained, and shall be the jailers in charge of the female department of said jail. They shall have authority to summon to their aid the sheriff of the county, or any of his deputies, and shall provide suitable accommodations for all women committed to their keeping. History: L. 1913, ch. 154, § 4; March 15; R.S. 1923, 19-904.

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