

2012 Kansas Statutes

12-1019. Same; abandonment of plan; election; petition; effect of change in government. Any city of the state of Kansas that has operated for four years or more under the provisions of this act, may abandon such form of organization as is herein provided for and accept either the provisions of the commission form of government law or the mayor and council form of government law, then applicable to cities of its population. Before such abandonment, a proposition to abandon such form of organization and accept the provisions, either of the mayor and commissioner form of government law, or the provisions of the mayor and council form of government law, must first be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of such city in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-184. Whenever the proposition to abandon such form of organization shall have been defeated at any election, another election to vote on such proposition shall not be called until after the expiration of four years from such first election.

Any petition requesting the submission of a proposition hereunder shall specify the form of government which the petitioners desire the city to adopt, in case a majority of the votes cast upon the proposition at such election are in favor of abandoning the city-manager form, and whether the city shall accept the provisions of the mayor and commissioner form of government law or the provisions of the mayor and council form of government law.

The form of the ballots used at any election held hereunder shall be as follows:

"The city of (naming the city) shall abandon its organization under article 10 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated and any acts amendatory thereto and become a city under the general law governing cities of like population under (state the form of government, whether the mayor and commissioner or mayor and council form of government)."

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If a majority of the votes cast upon such proposition, at such election, shall be in favor of abandoning the city-manager plan of government, the city shall become a city under the general law governing cities of like population and according to the form designated in the proposition submitted to the voters at such election. The officers constituting the governing board of such city, at such time, shall continue to hold their offices, and the city shall continue to be governed by them as mayor and commissioners until the next general city election, and, upon the qualification of the newly elected city officers elected at such city election, the term of office of the governing board and their powers shall cease.

The votes cast at any election hereunder shall be counted, canvassed and declared as required under the laws of the state which are then applicable to the submission of questions at either special or general elections.

History: L. 1917, ch. 86, § 17; L. 1919, ch. 107, § 1; R.S. 1923, § 12-1019; L. 1947, ch. 114, § 1; L. 1957, ch. 93, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 76, § 5; L. 1982, ch. 71, § 1; July 1.