

12-1926. Recreation commission; membership; selection; terms; removal; vacancies; existing commissions; treasurer. (a) Except as provided by subsection (c), recreation commissions shall consist of five members to be appointed as follows: (1) Upon the adoption of the provisions of this act by the city or school district acting independently, the governing body of such city or school district shall appoint four persons who are residents of the taxing district to serve as members of the recreation commission, the first appointee to serve for four years, the second for three years, the third for two years, and the fourth for one year, and the fifth member who also shall serve for four years shall be appointed by the four appointee members of such commission; or (2) upon the adoption of the provisions of this act by the city and school district acting jointly, the governing bodies each shall appoint two persons who are residents of the taxing district to serve as members of the recreation commission, and the persons so selected shall select one additional person, and all of such persons shall constitute the recreation commission.

Of the members of the commission first selected by the school district, one shall serve for a term of one year, and one for a term of four years; one of those first selected by the governing body of the city shall serve for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years. The additional member shall serve for a term of four years. Thereafter, the members of the commission shall be selected in the same manner as the member such person is succeeding and the term of office of each shall be four years. Any member of the recreation commission may be removed from the commission, by the appointing authority, for any cause which would justify removal of an appointive officer of the city or school district. Except for members first appointed to the commission, all commissioners not filling a vacancy shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, a successor shall be selected to fill such vacancy in the same manner as and for the unexpired term of the member such person is succeeding. The commission shall elect a chairperson and secretary from their membership. The commissioners are hereby empowered to administer in all respects the business and affairs of the recreation system. The treasurer of the city or school district to which is certified the budget of the recreation commission shall serve as ex officio treasurer of the recreation commission. Such treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all money and property received and disbursed and shall make a report thereof monthly to the commission, or as often as the commission requires. Members of the commission and the ex officio treasurer of the commission shall serve without compensation.

(b) Any recreation commission established pursuant to K.S.A. 12-1901 et seq., and amendments thereto, prior to the effective date of this act may continue as constituted on the effective date of this act or may, upon a majority vote of the commissioners, reorganize into a five-member commission as provided by subsection (a). If the commission continues as constituted on the effective date of this act, upon the expiration of the term of a member, a person shall be appointed to the commission in the same manner as the member such person is succeeding. The term of office shall be four years. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the commission, a successor shall be selected to fill such vacancy in the same manner as and for the unexpired term of the member such person is succeeding.

(c) Any recreation commission having more than five members and established prior to July 1, 2002, may continue as constituted on June 30, 2002, or upon a majority vote of such commissioners, may reorganize into a five member district as provided in subsection (a). If a recreation commission having more than five members and established prior to July 1, 2002, continues as constituted on June 30, 2002, upon the expiration of the term of a member, a person shall be appointed to the recreation commission in the same manner as the member such person is succeeding. The term of office shall be four years. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of a recreation commission, a successor shall be selected to fill such vacancy in the same manner as and for the unexpired term of the member such person is succeeding.

History: L. 1987, ch. 71, § 5; L. 1993, ch. 46, § 1; L. 1994, ch. 150, § 1; L. 2002, ch. 176, § 1; July 1.