

55-1627. Kansas oil and gas resources board; purpose; membership; officers. (a) It shall be lawful for any group of qualified producer associations to create, fund, administer, operate, manage, be members of and enjoy the benefit of a Kansas oil and gas resources board to administer a Kansas petroleum education and marketing program provided that the requirements of this act are met. The purpose of the board created by this act shall be to: (1) Coordinate a program designed to demonstrate to the general public the importance and significance of the oil and natural gas industry in Kansas; (2) encourage the wise and efficient use of energy; (3) promote environmentally sound production methods and technologies; (4) support research and educational activities concerning the oil and natural gas industry; (5) promote oil and natural gas exploration and production safety; (6) support job training and research activities concerning oil and natural gas production; and (7) implement and comply with the provisions of this act. The Kansas oil and gas resources board may be formed as a not-for-profit member corporation in which the Kansas independent oil and gas association, the Kansas petroleum council and the eastern Kansas oil and gas association shall be members. The Kansas oil and gas resources board, if formed as a not-for-profit member corporation, shall be formed, operated and dissolved in accordance with the provisions of chapter 17 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, and shall enjoy all of the rights of not-for-profit member corporations under Kansas law, subject to the restrictions and conditions set forth in this act. The Kansas oil and gas resources board shall be a voluntary private organization and shall not be deemed in any manner to be a governmental or quasi-governmental board or other such organization.

(b) The board's governing body shall be composed of 15 members to be appointed by the governing bodies of the following qualified producer associations as follows: (1) Ten trustees to be appointed by the Kansas independent oil and gas association;

(2) three trustees to be appointed by the Kansas petroleum council; and

(3) two trustees to be appointed by the eastern Kansas oil and gas association.

(c) A trustee of the board shall:

(1) Be at least 25 years of age;

(2) be a resident of the state of Kansas; and

(3) have at least five years of active experience in the oil and natural gas industry.

(d) A trustee shall serve for a term of three years, except that of the initial appointments: (1) Five trustees shall serve for one year; (2) five trustees shall serve for two years; and (3) five trustees shall serve for three years. Vacancies in the board for any trustee shall be filled by the qualified producer association which appointed the vacating member and shall be filled for the remaining term of the vacating trustee.

(e) After July 1, 2006, the trustees of the board which are appointed by the qualified producer associations may by majority vote appoint a nonindustry representative to serve as an additional trustee. The additional trustee shall have full voting rights and privileges and shall serve a three-year term. Such trustee may be removed at any time from the board by majority vote of the trustees appointed by the qualified producer associations.

(f) The board shall elect annually a presiding officer of the board.

(g) The board may elect other officers as considered necessary by the board.

(h) No trustee of the board shall receive a salary or reimbursement for duties performed as a member of the board, except that trustees are eligible to received [receive] reimbursement for travel expenses incurred in the performance of board duties.

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