

**58-2801. License; annual fee, fixing of amount by rules and regulations, limitation, proration for partial year; application; inactive license.** (a) Every person, firm, partnership, association or corporation, which makes, compiles or completes and sells abstracts of title to real estate in the state of Kansas shall first secure and hold a valid license issued in accordance with the provisions of this act. The annual fee for each abstractor's license shall be fixed by the abstracters' board of examiners by rules and regulations in an amount not to exceed \$75 for each year or part of a year. The board may establish rules and regulations for the proration of license fees for licenses to be effective for a period of time less than one year.

(b) The board shall determine annually the amount necessary to carry out and enforce the provisions of this act for the next ensuing year and shall fix the license fee for such year at the sum deemed necessary for such purposes. Such fee shall accompany the application for license and shall be returned to the applicant if the license is not issued. Every license issued under the provisions of this act shall expire on December 31 of the year for which issued. In the absence of any condition or reason which might warrant the refusal of the granting of a renewal license, the board shall issue a license each year upon receipt of a written request of the applicant together with the annual fee established by the board in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(c) The board may adopt rules and regulations which authorize the issuance of inactive licenses to licensees eligible for such inactive license in accordance with the rules and regulations. The license fee for an inactive license shall be the same as the annual fee for an abstractor's license established under this section.

**History:** L. 1941, ch. 348, § 2; L. 1958, ch. 55, § 1 (Budget Session); L. 1970, ch. 222, § 1; L. 1983, ch. 186, § 1; L. 1985, ch. 187, § 1; L. 2012, ch. 95, § 1; July 1.