

75-5310. Appointment of personnel for department; compensation; application to persons appointed after effective date of act. The secretary for children and families may appoint a chief attorney and other attorneys for the Kansas department for children and families. The chief attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor. The secretary may also appoint staff assistants. Such staff assistants and attorneys other than the chief attorney shall be in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act. The secretary may appoint one public information officer, one personal secretary and one special assistant who shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive annual salaries fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor. The secretary may appoint a deputy secretary who shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor.

The secretary may appoint commissioners and deputy commissioners as determined necessary by the secretary to effectively carry out the mission of the department. All commissioners and deputy commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor. The secretary may also appoint a director for each of the department's management areas. Each area director shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary, be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary and approved by the governor. Nothing in this act shall affect the classified status of any person employed as a deputy commissioner or area director on the day immediately preceding the effective date of the act and the unclassified status shall apply only to persons appointed to such positions on or after the effective date of the act.

History: L. 1973, ch. 367, § 10; L. 1978, ch. 332, § 49; L. 1987, ch. 347, § 6; L. 1996, ch. 271, § 16; L. 2014, ch. 115, § 347; July 1.