

77-136. Editing of statutes by revisor of statutes. In arranging the material in the Kansas Statutes Annotated and latest supplements thereto, the revisor of statutes shall not alter the sense, meaning or effect of any legislative act but may correct manifest orthographical, clerical or typographical errors and may edit the statutes in the following manner:

(a) By inserting the correct statutory references in lieu of any internal cross-references to session laws or other outdated statutory references.

(b) By omitting opening references to sections repealed or amended, in all sections, and to change descriptive-subject-word headings of sections, subsections or subparts in order to briefly and clearly indicate the subject matter of such sections.

(c) By using the same section numbering system used in the General Statutes of 1949 and 1961 Supplement thereto throughout and in every possible instance, except in the following specifically described instances:

(1) Where such numbering system makes it impracticable to insert sections properly belonging between sections having supplementary letters.

(2) In the renumbering of sections coming within the category stated in subsection (1) of subsection (c) of this section, the revisor of statutes shall devise a plan of sectional numbering that will make necessary the renumbering of the least possible number of such sections in order to maintain as permanent a statutory numbering system for the Kansas Statutes Annotated as possible.

(3) Where a special numbering system is directed by law, such special system shall be followed.

(d) Wherever a board, commission, commissioner, department or other agency or officer of the state government has been abolished by statute and the powers, duties and jurisdiction thereof transferred to some other board, commission, commissioner, department or other agency or officer now in existence, the revisor of statutes may edit the statutes affected thereby by striking out the name of the abolished board, commission, commissioner, department or other agency or officer and inserting in lieu thereof the name of the proper board, commission, commissioner, department or other agency or officer.

(e) The word "provided" alone or in conjunction with other words may appear in either italic or roman type.

(f) Where a pronoun of only masculine or only feminine gender appears a pronoun of the opposite gender may be added, or language may be changed for the same purpose, so long as the opening limitation of this section is not violated.

(g) By striking the word "that" wherever it appears as the first word of any section in the K.S.A. or the latest supplement thereto.

(h) By rearranging sections, changing internal reference numbers to agree with renumbered sections, and by changing capitalization for purposes of uniformity.

(i) By correcting doublets.

No change made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall effect any change in the substantive meaning of the section, and any error made by the revisor of statutes in editing the statutes as authorized by this section shall be construed as a clerical error only.

History: L. 1963, ch. 454, § 6; L. 1975, ch. 266, §2; July 1.