

**77-562. Same; transfer of powers, duties and functions from department of administration office of administrative hearings; successor thereto; rules and regulations; title to property.** On and after July 1, 2009: (a) Except as otherwise provided by this act, all of the powers, duties and functions of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act are hereby transferred to and conferred and imposed upon the office of administrative hearings and the director established by this act.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this act, the office of administrative hearings and the director established by this act shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this section. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties and functions by or under the authority of the office of administrative hearings and the director concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act established by this act shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration, respectively, in which such powers, duties and functions were vested prior to the effective date of this section.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by this act, whenever the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration, or words of like effect concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the office of administrative hearings established by this act.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this act, whenever the secretary of administration, or words of like effect concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act, is referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the director established by this act.

(e) All rules and regulations of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act in existence on the effective date of this section shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be duly adopted rules and regulations of the director of the office of administrative hearings established by this act until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(f) All orders and directives of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act in existence on the effective date of this section shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be orders and directives of the director of the office of administrative hearings established by this act until revised, amended or nullified pursuant to law.

(g) On the effective date of this section, the director of the office of administrative hearings established by this act shall succeed to whatever right, title or interest the department of administration has acquired in any real property in this state concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act, and the director of the office of administrative hearings shall hold the same for and in the name of the state of Kansas. On and after the effective date of this section, whenever any statute, contract, deed or other document concerns the power or authority of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act to acquire, hold or dispose of real property or any interest therein, the office of administrative hearings and the director as established by this act shall succeed to such power or authority.

(h) The office of administrative hearings and the director established by this act shall be continuations of the office of administrative hearings within the department of administration and the secretary of administration concerning adjudicative proceedings of the Kansas administrative procedure act.

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