

**80-1616. Creation of joint water district; governing body; election; transfer of assets and liabilities.** (a) The governing body of the city of Lansing, Kansas, and the governing body of Delaware township shall establish a joint water district. The joint water district shall be governed by a board elected in the manner provided by subsection (b). Such board shall be independent of the township and city.

(b) Such district shall be governed by a five member board. The members of the board shall be qualified electors of the joint district and shall be elected on an at-large basis. Except as provided by subsection (c), board members shall hold office for a term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. An election to choose board members shall be held on the first Tuesday in November, 1984, and every two years thereafter. If a vacancy occurs on the joint water district board, a successor shall be appointed by the remaining board members and shall hold office until the next regular election. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality shall apply to the elections under this act to the extent that the same can be made to apply. All members shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials.

(c) At the first election, the two members receiving the largest number of votes shall hold office for a term of four years. The three remaining members shall serve for a term of two years. At all succeeding elections all members shall be elected for terms of four years.

(d) All assets and liabilities of any existing township water district may be transferred to the joint water district. All covenants, terms and conditions contained in the resolution authorizing the issuance of water revenue bonds which are outstanding at the time the joint district is established shall be maintained and complied with by the governing body of the joint water district.

(e) The joint water district board shall be responsible for the maintenance, operation, improvement and extension of the district's water system. The joint water district board shall establish rates for the district's customers.

**History:** L. 1984, ch. 108, § 2; L. 1987, ch. 395, § 2; April 2.