

SENATE BILL No. 194

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning hospital districts; relating to the qualifications of
2 hospital board members; removing the requirement that such members
3 be qualified electors; amending K.S.A. 80-2506 and repealing the
4 existing section.

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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
8 2506. (a) Every hospital shall be governed by a board composed of
9 members who are qualified electors *of the county where the hospital is*
10 *located or of any county adjacent to such county*. The board shall be
11 composed of three, five, seven or nine members. Whenever the number of
12 members of a board is increased, the expiration of the terms of the
13 members selected for the new positions on the board shall be fixed to
14 coincide with the expiration of the terms of the members serving on the
15 board at the time of the creation of the new positions so that not more than
16 a simple majority of the members of the board is selected at the same time.

17 (b) Upon presentation to the board of commissioners of the county ~~in~~
18 ~~which~~ *where* the hospital district, or the greater portion of the territory
19 thereof, is located, of a petition requesting a change in the number of board
20 members signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the
21 district, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners, at its
22 next regular meeting, to examine the petition. The petition shall set forth
23 the requested number of board members. If the board of county
24 commissioners finds that the petition is sufficient and regular and in due
25 form as is provided in this section, the board of county commissioners
26 shall direct the county election officer of the county to prepare ballots for a
27 special election, including ballots for that portion of the district located in
28 any other county. The county election officers of each county shall present
29 the question to the qualified voters of the district at the next general
30 election in the counties, and the board of county commissioners of each
31 county shall certify the results of the votes cast in the county to the board
32 of county canvassers in the county ~~in which~~ *where* the ballots were
33 prepared. The change in number shall become effective at the next election
34 for board members if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the
35 question vote in favor of the change in number of board members.

36 (c) Subject to the provisions of ~~subsection (b) of~~ K.S.A. 80-2508(b),

1 and amendments thereto, members of the board of every existing hospital
2 shall serve as members of such board for the terms for which they were
3 selected and until their successors are selected and qualified. Except as
4 provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A. 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments
5 thereto, successors to such members shall be selected to serve for a term of
6 three years.

7 (d) Terms of members of the first board of any hospital established
8 under the provisions of this act shall be as provided for in ~~subsection (b)~~ of
9 K.S.A. 80-2504(b), and amendments thereto, and shall be staggered so that
10 terms of not more than a simple majority of the members expire at the
11 same time. Thereafter, except as provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A.
12 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments thereto, upon the expiration of terms of
13 members first selected, successors to such members shall be selected to
14 serve for terms of three years.

15 (e) Vacancies in the membership of a board occasioned by death,
16 removal, resignation or any reason other than expiration of a term shall be
17 filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the chairperson of the
18 board with the advice and consent of the remaining members of the board.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby repealed.

20 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
21 publication in the Kansas register.