

2023 Kansas Statutes

19-4311. Powers and duties of board. The said civil service board shall: (a) Set up regulations for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such regulations shall provide, among other things, for personnel efficiency records to be kept by the sheriff, standards of performance for all officers and employees, a procedure for making appointments and promotions, the rejection of ineligible applicants for positions, competitive examinations of applicants, creation of lists of eligible applicants ranked according to grades achieved in examinations, and public notice of examinations;

(b) set up personnel regulations covering leaves of absence with or without pay, reinstatements, layoffs, vacations, procedures for changes of rates of pay and other conditions of employment;

(c) adopt, modify and classify personnel positions in the sheriff's office upon organization of the board;

(d) approve, modify, reject or approve as modified compensation schedules for personnel positions in the sheriff's office submitted by the sheriff;

(e) adopt, modify or approve the retirement system for classified personnel in the sheriff's department, but any change in the retirement system existing on the effective date of this act shall be subject to ratification by the board of county commissioners of such county;

(f) supervise the enforcement and effect of this act;

(g) submit a written report of the board's activities and findings each year on or before the fifteenth day of December to the board of county commissioners;

(h) conduct hearings and hear complaints by or against personnel for the purpose of demotion, suspensions or removal of personnel. The civil service board, in conducting hearings and investigation shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence;

(i) compel the attendance, at such place as may be designated in this state, of witnesses and the production of books and papers pertinent to any inquiry or investigation authorized by this act, and take depositions of witnesses. Subpoenas shall also be issued at the request of the parties to the proceedings other than the board. The board or any member thereof, may administer oaths and take testimony. The board may examine such public records as they require in relation to any matter which they have authority to investigate. All officers and other persons shall attend and testify when required to do so by the board. In case of the refusal of any person to comply with any subpoena issued hereunder or to testify to any matter regarding which he may be lawfully interrogated, the district court of any county, on application of any one of the members of the board, may issue an order requiring such person to comply with such subpoena and to testify; and any failure to obey such order of the court may be punished by the court as a contempt thereof. Each person not in the classified or unclassified services who appears before the board by order shall receive for his attendance the fees and mileage provided for witnesses in civil actions in the district court, which fees and mileage shall be audited and paid by the county upon presentation of proper vouchers. Witnesses subpoenaed at the request of parties other than the board shall be entitled to compensation from the county for attendance or travel only if the board certifies that the testimony of such witnesses was relevant and material to the matter investigated.

History: L. 1969, ch. 136, § 9; L. 1973, ch. 126, § 2; July 1.