

2023 Kansas Statutes

32-819. Division of tourism and director of tourism, abolishment; transfer of powers, duties and functions to the department of commerce; redesignation of Kansas department of wildlife and parks; continuation of agency powers, duties and functions; references to prior agency or office; rules and regulations, orders and directives. (a) The division of tourism of the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism and the office of the director of tourism of the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism that were created by K.S.A. 32-812 and 32-1402, and amendments thereto, are hereby abolished.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this order, all powers, duties and functions of the division of tourism and the director of tourism under K.S.A. 32-812, et seq. and K.S.A. 32-1401 through 32-1438 and amendments thereto, are hereby transferred to and imposed upon the division of tourism and the director of tourism of the department of commerce.

(c) The Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism as established by K.S.A. 32-801 et seq. is hereby renamed the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism is renamed the secretary of wildlife and parks.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this order, the Kansas department of wildlife and parks and the secretary of wildlife and parks shall be the successor in every way to the powers, duties and functions of the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism and the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism in which the same were vested prior to the effective date of this order. Every act performed in the exercise of such powers, duties and functions by or under the authority of the Kansas department of wildlife and parks or the secretary of wildlife and parks shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if performed by the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism or the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism in which such powers, duties and functions were vested prior to the effective date of this order.

(e) Except as otherwise provided by this order, whenever the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power or duty of the Kansas department of wildlife, parks and tourism, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Kansas department of wildlife and parks.

(f) Except as otherwise provided by this order, whenever the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power or duty of the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the secretary of wildlife and parks.

(g) Except as otherwise provided by this order, all rules and regulations, orders and directives of the secretary of wildlife, parks and tourism that are in effect on the effective date of this order shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders and directives of the secretary of wildlife and parks until revised, amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(h) The secretary of wildlife and parks shall appoint an assistant secretary for operations. The assistant secretary for operations shall serve at the pleasure of the secretary of wildlife and parks. The assistant secretary for operations shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the secretary of wildlife and parks. The assistant secretary for operations shall have such powers, duties and functions as are assigned to them by the secretary or are prescribed by law. The assistant secretary for operations shall act for and exercise the powers of the secretary of wildlife and parks to the extent authority to do so is delegated by the secretary of wildlife and parks.

(i) The positions of assistant secretary for parks and tourism and assistant secretary of wildlife, fisheries and boating as established by K.S.A. 32-802 are hereby abolished.

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