AN ACT concerning counties; dealing with county administrators;
amending K.S.A. 19-3a02 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 19-3a02 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3a02. (a) The board of county commissioners of any county may adopt a resolution establishing the office of county administrator.

(b) The board of county commissioners of any county may adopt a resolution submitting to the voters of the county whether the county should adopt a resolution establishing the office of county administrator. Such resolution to establish the office of county administrator shall not be effective until the question has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting at an election thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by the general bond law.

(c) Upon presentation of a petition requesting the establishment of the office of county administrator signed by at least 5% of the qualified electors of the county, the board of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution establishing such office. Such resolution shall not be effective until the question has been submitted to and approved by a majority of the voters of the county voting at an election thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided by the general bond law.

(d) The board of county commissioners of any county may adopt a resolution abolishing the office of county administrator at any time after the expiration of four years from the date the office was established. The resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. No such resolution shall take effect until 60 days after its final publication, and if within 60 days of its final publication, a petition signed by not less that 5% of the qualified electors of the county shall be filed with the county election officer demanding such resolution be submitted to a vote of the electors, it shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. The board of county commissioners of any county may submit any such resolution to a referendum without petition.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-3a02 is hereby repealed.
Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.