

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2014

HOUSE BILL No. 2482

By Committee on Utilities and Telecommunications

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1 AN ACT concerning the state corporation commission; relating to powers
2 thereof; amending K.S.A. 66-106 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 66-106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 66-
6 106. (a) The state corporation commission shall have power to adopt
7 reasonable and proper rules and regulations to govern its proceedings,
8 including the assessment and taxation of costs on any complaint provided
9 for in K.S.A. 66-133, and amendments thereto, and to regulate the mode
10 and manner of all investigations, tests, audits, inspections and hearings not
11 specifically provided for herein, except that no person desiring to be
12 present at any investigation or hearing by the commission shall be denied
13 admission.

14 (b) The state corporation commission may:

15 (1) Confer with officers of other states and officers of the United
16 States on any matter pertaining to the state corporation commission's
17 official duties; ~~and~~

18 (2) (A) enter into and establish fair and equitable cooperative
19 agreements or contracts with or act as an agent or licensee for the United
20 States, or any official, agency or instrumentality thereof, or any railroad,
21 public utility or similar commission of another state, for the purpose of
22 carrying out the state corporation commission's duties; (B) to that end
23 receive and disburse any contributions, grants or other financial assistance
24 as a result of or pursuant to such agreements or contracts; and (C) make
25 joint investigations, hold joint hearings within or outside the state and
26 issue joint or concurrent orders in conjunction or concurrence with such
27 official, agency, instrumentality or commission; *and*

28 (3) **on its own, or in association with others with similar interests,**
29 **intervene or otherwise participate** *in other state or federal proceedings*
30 *on any matter ~~pertaining to the state corporation~~ **commission reasonably***
31 **believes pertains to the commission's official duties.** *Upon conferral with*
32 *the attorney general, the commission has discretion to file amicus briefs*
33 *with any court within the state or federal government.*

34 (c) The attorney general, when requested, shall give the state
35 corporation commission or the attorney for the commission such counsel
36 and advice as the commission or the attorney for the commission may

1 from time to time require. It is hereby made the duty of the attorney
2 general to aid and assist the commission and the attorney for the
3 commission in all hearings, suits and proceedings in which the
4 commission or attorney for the commission requests the attorney general's
5 assistance.

6 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 66-106 is hereby repealed.

7 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
8 publication in the statute book.