HOUSE BILL No. 2692

By Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice

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AN ACT concerning law enforcement; relating to the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training; increasing the membership of the commission; requiring certain appointments be made with a preference for diversity and to be made by the Kansas state conference of NAACP branches; amending K.S.A. 74-5606 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-5606 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-5606. (a) There is hereby created the Kansas commission on peace officers' standards and training which shall consist of—12 15 members which shall include:

- (1) The superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol, or the superintendent's designee;
- (2) the director of the Kansas bureau of investigation, or the director's designee;
- (3) a sheriff of a county having a population of 50,000 or more, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas sheriffs' association;
- (4) a sheriff of a county having a population of less than 50,000 and more than 10,000, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas sheriffs' association:
- (5) a sheriff of a county having a population of 10,000 or less, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas sheriffs' association;
- (6) a chief of police of a city of the first class, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas association of chiefs of police;
- (7) a chief of police of a city of the second class, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas association of chiefs of police;
- (8) a chief of police of a city of the third class, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas association of chiefs of police;
 - (9) a training officer from a certified state or local law enforcement

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training school, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the Kansas peace officers association;

- (10) a full-time, commissioned law enforcement officer employed by either a state, county or city agency, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the fraternal order of police;
- (11) a county or district attorney, or an assistant county or district attorney, to be selected by the governor who shall consider, but not be limited to, a list of three nominees submitted therefor by the county and district attorneys' association; and
- (12) a member four members representing the public at large who-is are not associated with law enforcement with preference given to people of color to ensure diverse, ethnic representation and who are from high-need, underserved communities with disproportionately high instances of interaction with law enforcement and high rates of gun violence, unemployment, child poverty and commitments to the department of corrections, selected by the governor to Kansas state conference of NAACP branches, one of whom shall serve as chairperson.
- (b) Each person initially appointed to a position described in subsection (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(8), (a)(9) or (a)(12) shall serve for a two-year term and thereafter the term of members appointed to such positions shall be four years. Each person appointed to a position described in subsection (a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(10) or (a)(11) shall serve for a four-year term. A person appointed to a position on the commission shall resign such position upon vacating the office or position which qualified such person to be appointed as a member of the commission in that position. Vacancies in any position shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments.
- (c) Membership on the commission shall not constitute holding a public office, and members of the commission shall not be required to take and file oaths of office before serving on the commission and shall not be required to be bonded. No member of the commission shall be disqualified from holding any public office or employment by reason of the member's appointment to or membership on the commission and no such member shall forfeit any such office or employment by reason of the member's appointment under this section, notwithstanding the provision of any law or ordinance. Membership of members employed by a city or county shall be deemed for all purposes a duty of the member's employment by such city or county.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-5606 is hereby repealed.
- Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.