

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 171

AN ACT concerning certain state officers and employees; relating to restrictions on certain political activity; relating to travel on state aircraft; amending K.S.A. 74-2105 and 74-2113 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 74-2105 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-2105. (a) (1) The principal function of the Kansas highway patrol shall be enforcement of the traffic and other laws of this state relating to highways, vehicles and drivers of vehicles except as otherwise provided in this subsection (a). The superintendent and members of the highway patrol in performing their duties under this act shall wear badges and uniforms of office. The superintendent may designate members to perform security duties for public officials and other duties as directed by the superintendent. The superintendent may perform duties under this act whether or not wearing a badge and uniform. Such members may serve without uniform and without open display of badges. Officers and employees of the bureau of emergency medical services shall not wear badges and uniforms of office.

(2) *The superintendent or the superintendent's designee shall designate the mode of transportation deemed necessary for the purpose of providing security for the governor and the governor's family.*

(3) *Subject to approval by the federal aviation administration of an exemption from applicable federal aviation administration regulations, when the governor elects to travel by state-owned vehicle or aircraft for political or personal business and the superintendent has not deemed such transportation necessary for the security of the governor or the governor's family, the governor may use such vehicle or aircraft and reimburse the state of Kansas for its use in an amount determined by the secretary of administration.*

(b) In addition to the duties otherwise prescribed by law, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall supervise and manage the capitol area security patrol. In the supervision and management of the duties of the capitol area security patrol in and around the state capitol building, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall advise with the legislative coordinating council.

(c) In addition to other duties, the superintendent of the highway patrol shall provide budgeting, purchasing and related management functions for the bureau of emergency medical services of the Kansas highway patrol as may be provided by law and shall perform other functions and duties pertaining to emergency medical services as may be specified by law.

New Sec. 2. The secretary of administration, by rules and regulations, shall fix the fees and provide for the collection of such fees for travel by the governor or the governor's family as authorized by subsection (a)(3) of K.S.A. 74-2105, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 74-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-2113. (a) There is hereby created a Kansas highway patrol. The patrol shall consist of: (1) A superintendent, who shall have the rank of colonel and who shall have special training and qualifications for such position; (2) an assistant superintendent, who shall have the rank of lieutenant colonel; and (3) officers and troopers who are appointed in accordance with appropriation acts and as provided in this section. The superintendent and assistant superintendent shall be within the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act. The assistant superintendent serving on the effective date of this act shall be appointed to such position by the superintendent. Thereafter, the assistant superintendent shall be appointed by the superintendent from among the members of the patrol, and shall serve at the pleasure of the superintendent. If a person appointed as superintendent or assistant superintendent is a member of the patrol when appointed, such person in each case, upon termination of the term as superintendent or assistant superintendent, respectively, shall be returned to a rank not lower than the rank such person held when appointed as superintendent or assistant superintendent. If such rank is filled at that time, a temporary additional position shall be created in such rank until a vacancy occurs in such rank. All other officers, troopers and employees shall be within the classified service under the Kansas civil service act.

(b) The superintendent of the patrol shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto, and shall receive an annual salary fixed by the governor. The assistant superintendent shall receive an annual salary fixed by the superintendent and approved by the governor.

(c) All other members of the patrol shall be appointed by the superintendent in accordance with appropriation acts and with the Kansas civil service act. No person shall be appointed as an officer of the patrol, other than superintendent, unless the person has had at least five years of service in the patrol as an officer or trooper. No person shall be appointed as a trooper unless the person meets the following requirements:

- (1) Is a citizen of the United States;
- (2) is at least 21 years of age at the time of appointment;
- (3) has not been convicted by any state or the federal government of a crime which is a felony or its equivalent under the uniform code of military justice;
- (4) has been fingerprinted and a search of local, state and national fingerprint files has been made to determine whether the applicant has a criminal record;
- (5) is the holder of a high school diploma or furnishes evidence of successful completion of an examination indicating an equivalent achievement; and
- (6) is free of any physical or mental condition which might adversely affect the applicant's performance of duties as a trooper and whose physical health has been certified by an examining physician appointed by the superintendent.

(d) No member of the patrol shall hold any other elective or appointive commission or office, except in the Kansas national guard or in the organized reserve of the United States army, air force or navy. No member of the patrol shall accept any employment or compensation from any licensee of the director of alcoholic beverage control of the department of revenue or from any licensee of the Kansas racing commission or from any officer, director, member or employee of any such licensee, nor shall any member of the patrol accept any employment or compensation for services which require the use of any state-owned equipment provided by the Kansas highway patrol or the wearing of the patrol uniform. No member of the patrol shall accept any reward or gift except with the written permission of the superintendent.

~~(e) No member of the patrol, including the superintendent, shall in any way be active or participate in any political contest in any primary, general or special election or participate in politics, except to cast such member's ballot. For any violation of this provision, the offender shall be summarily removed by the superintendent from the patrol.~~

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 74-2105 and 74-2113 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.