HOUSE BILL No. 2067

By Committee on Commerce and Labor

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AN ACT concerning the Kansas home inspectors registration board; amending K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 58-4503 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 58-4503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 58-4503. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas home inspectors registration board. The purpose of the board is to administer and enforce the provisions of this act, promote consumer protection, ensure professional competency and ensure the presence of a viable home inspection industry in this state.

- (b) The board shall consist of five members to be appointed by the governor as follows:
- (1) Three members shall be home inspectors who have actively been engaged in the practice of home inspections for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment and have completed at least 1,000 fee-paid home inspections; and
- (2) two members shall be at-large members neither of whom shall be a home inspector.
- (c) Prior to September 1, 2008, the governor shall appoint the initial board members as specified in subsection (b). The board shall hold its first meeting prior to January 1, 2009. Following the first meeting of the board, the newly elected chairperson shall serve for a term of three years, the vice-chairperson shall serve for a term of three years, the secretary shall serve for a term of two years and the remaining board members shall serve for a term of one year. After these initial terms have been completed, the board members shall serve terms as specified in subsection (d).
- (d) Board members shall serve three-year terms, with no board member serving more than two consecutive terms of office. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any member, the governor shall appoint a successor meeting the qualifications under this act. Each board member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified. There shall be at all times at least one board member from each congressional district in the state of Kansas.

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- (e) In the event of a vacancy in the membership of the board for any reason other than expiration of a board member's term of office, the 2 3 governor shall appoint a successor meeting the qualifications of this act to fill the unexpired term.
 - (f) At the first board meeting each year, the board shall elect from its membership the following officers: Chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The officers shall serve 12-month terms. A person may serve a maximum of two consecutive terms as an officer in each respective position. The officers shall have the following duties:
 - The chairperson shall preside over all meetings.
 - (2)The vice-chairperson shall preside over meetings in the absence of the chairperson.
 - The secretary shall be responsible for:
 - Preparation, publication and maintenance of the minutes of the board meetings;
 - preparation of correspondence and conduct of administrative support as the chairperson may direct or as may be prescribed in the rules and regulations of the board;
 - maintaining the permanent records of the board. The secretary of state shall be the custodian of all permanent records of the board.
 - Upon determining that adequate resources are available, the board may appoint an executive secretary who shall be in the unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act. The executive secretary shall receive an annual salary which shall be fixed by the board and approved by the state finance council.
 - The board may employ such other employees as may be necessary, fix salaries of all its employees and make such other expenditures as are necessary to properly carry out the provisions of this act.
 - Each board member shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.
 - The board shall hold meetings in such places as it shall determine and at such times as it may designate or on request of two or more of its members. A majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
 - (k) Applications for original registration and renewal of registration shall be made in writing or by electronic filing to the board on forms approved by the board and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees prescribed by the board.
 - Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 58-4503 is hereby repealed.
- 41 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.