

HOUSE BILL No. 2582

By Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources Budget

Requested by Representative Corbet

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1 AN ACT concerning wildlife and parks; relating to the Kansas wildlife and
2 parks commission; increasing the membership of the Kansas wildlife
3 and parks commission from seven to nine; granting membership
4 appointment authority to multiple state officers; prohibiting more than
5 three commissioners from being residents of the same congressional
6 district; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-805 and repealing the existing
7 section.

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

10 Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-805 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 32-805.

12 (a) (1) There is hereby created within and as a part of the department
13 the Kansas wildlife and parks commission, ~~and~~. Such commission shall be
14 composed of ~~seven~~ nine members. ~~The governor shall appoint residents of~~
15 ~~this state to be as follows:~~

16 (A) Three members appointed by the governor;

17 (B) two members appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives;

19 (C) two members appointed by the president of the senate; and

20 (D) two members appointed by the attorney general.

21 (2) (A) All members of the commission shall be residents of the state
22 of Kansas.

23 (B) ~~At least one member of the commission shall be chosen~~ resident
24 from each fish and wildlife administration region as established by the
25 department shall be appointed to the commission.

26 (C) Not more than three members of the commission may be residents
27 of the same congressional district.

28 (D) In the appointment of members of the commission, ~~the governor~~
29 each respective appointing authority shall give consideration to the
30 appointment of licensed hunters, fishermen and furharvesters, park users
31 and to nonconsumptive users of wildlife and park resources.

32 (E) ~~Not~~ Not more than a majority of the members shall be of the same
33 political party.

34 (F) Each member of the commission shall hold office for a term of
35 four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. ~~The governor A~~

1 *member's term may be renewed at the discretion of the respective*
2 *appointing authority.*

3 (G) *Each respective appointing authority shall fill any vacancy on the*
4 *commission prior to the expiration of a term by appointment for the*
5 *unexpired term.*

6 (b) Each member of the commission shall take and subscribe an oath
7 or affirmation as required by law before taking office.

8 (c) ~~The governor~~*Each respective appointing authority may remove a*
9 *commissioner after opportunity for a hearing in accordance with the*
10 *provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act. If*~~the~~*such*
11 *commissioner is removed, the*~~governor~~ *respective appointing authority*
12 *shall file in the office of the secretary of state a complete statement of all*
13 *charges made against such commissioner and the*~~governor's~~ *respective*
14 *appointing authority's findings thereon, together with a complete record of*
15 *the proceedings.*

16 (d) The commission shall have such powers, duties and functions as
17 prescribed by law. Other than rules and regulations pertaining to personnel
18 matters of the department, the secretary shall submit to the commission all
19 proposed rules and regulations. The commission shall either approve,
20 modify and approve; or reject such proposed rules and regulations. The
21 secretary shall adopt such rules and regulations so approved or so modified
22 and approved. Fees established for licenses, permits, stamps and other
23 issues of the department shall be subject to the approval of the
24 commission. It also shall be the duty of the commission to serve in an
25 advisory capacity to the governor and the secretary in the formulation of
26 policies and plans relating to the department.

27 (e) The governor shall designate one commission member to serve as
28 chairperson of the commission. Members of the commission attending
29 meetings of the commission, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof
30 authorized by the commission, shall be paid compensation, subsistence
31 allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223,
32 and amendments thereto. A majority of the members of the commission
33 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Meetings may be
34 called by the chairperson and shall be called on the request of a majority of
35 the members of the commission.

36 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-805 is hereby repealed.

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