

As Amended by Senate Committee

Session of 2023

SENATE BILL No. 194

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning hospital districts; relating to the qualifications of
2 hospital board members; removing the requirement that such members
3 be qualified electors; amending K.S.A. 80-2506 and repealing the
4 existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
8 2506. (a) Every hospital shall be governed by a board composed of
9 members who are qualified electors *of the county where the hospital is*
10 *located or of any county adjacent to such county.* The board shall be
11 composed of three, five, seven or nine members. ***A majority of the***
12 ***members of the board shall be residents of the county where the hospital***
13 ***is located.*** Whenever the number of members of a board is increased, the
14 expiration of the terms of the members selected for the new positions on
15 the board shall be fixed to coincide with the expiration of the terms of the
16 members serving on the board at the time of the creation of the new
17 positions so that not more than a simple majority of the members of the
18 board is selected at the same time.

19 (b) Upon presentation to the board of commissioners of the county ~~in~~
20 ~~which~~ *where* the hospital district, or the greater portion of the territory
21 thereof, is located, of a petition requesting a change in the number of board
22 members signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the
23 district, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners, at its
24 next regular meeting, to examine the petition. The petition shall set forth
25 the requested number of board members. If the board of county
26 commissioners finds that the petition is sufficient and regular and in due
27 form as is provided in this section, the board of county commissioners
28 shall direct the county election officer of the county to prepare ballots for a
29 special election, including ballots for that portion of the district located in
30 any other county. The county election officers of each county shall present
31 the question to the qualified voters of the district at the next general
32 election in the counties, and the board of county commissioners of each
33 county shall certify the results of the votes cast in the county to the board
34 of county canvassers in the county ~~in which~~ *where* the ballots were
35 prepared. The change in number shall become effective at the next election
36 for board members if a majority of the qualified electors voting on the

1 question vote in favor of the change in number of board members.

2 (c) Subject to the provisions of ~~subsection (b)~~ of K.S.A. 80-2508(b),
3 and amendments thereto, members of the board of every existing hospital
4 shall serve as members of such board for the terms for which they were
5 selected and until their successors are selected and qualified. Except as
6 provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A. 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments
7 thereto, successors to such members shall be selected to serve for a term of
8 three years.

9 (d) Terms of members of the first board of any hospital established
10 under the provisions of this act shall be as provided for in ~~subsection (b)~~ of
11 K.S.A. 80-2504(b), and amendments thereto, and shall be staggered so that
12 terms of not more than a simple majority of the members expire at the
13 same time. Thereafter, except as provided by ~~subsection (a)(4)~~ of K.S.A.
14 80-2508(a)(4), and amendments thereto, upon the expiration of terms of
15 members first selected, successors to such members shall be selected to
16 serve for terms of three years.

17 (e) Vacancies in the membership of a board occasioned by death,
18 removal, resignation or any reason other than expiration of a term shall be
19 filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the chairperson of the
20 board with the advice and consent of the remaining members of the board.

21 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 80-2506 is hereby repealed.

22 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
23 publication in the Kansas register.