

19-3601. Fire districts; organizations; name; governing body; duties of county clerk and county treasurer; delegation. The board of county commissioners of any county of the state is hereby authorized and empowered to organize one or more fire districts in any portion of the county not within an incorporated city, and the entire county or the major portion thereof may be organized as one fire district and any city of the second and third classes may be included within such district as hereafter provided. No fire district or part of a fire district may be included within a fire district under this act, except as provided in K.S.A. 19-3611, and amendments thereto. Each such fire district shall be named and numbered by the said board in the order of their organization as "Fire District No. ____ (such number as shall be assigned), County of ____ (name of county), Kansas". In counties adjoining another state having rural fire protection districts adjacent to their county-state boundary lines, fire districts may be named and numbered by said board in the order of their organization as "Rural Fire Protection District No. ____ (such number as shall be assigned), County of ____ (name of county), Kansas."

The board of county commissioners of the county shall be and constitute the governing body of each fire district within the county. The county clerk of the county shall be the secretary of said board as the governing body of each of said fire districts and shall have such other duties as county clerk as provided by this act. The county treasurer shall receive and have custody of all of the funds of each fire district and shall expend the same upon the order of the governing body of each such district as provided by law. The board of county commissioners may delegate any of the powers and duties of the county clerk and county treasurer prescribed by this section to any other person deemed qualified by the board. The board of county commissioners shall require any person to whom such powers and duties are delegated to execute a good and sufficient surety bond issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this state, in an amount fixed by the board which shall not be less than the amount of money such person will be responsible for at any one time.

History: L. 1953, ch. 161, § 1; L. 1955, ch. 171, § 1; L. 1977, ch. 102, § 1; L. 1979, ch. 75, § 3; July 1.