

**75-2237. Capitol area plaza authority; creation; powers and duties; membership; terms of office; vacancies.** There is hereby created the capitol area plaza authority, a body politic and corporate, hereinafter referred to as the authority. The authority is hereby constituted a public instrumentality, and the exercise by the authority of the powers conferred on it by this act shall be deemed and held to be the performance of an essential state governmental function. The authority shall be the successor in every way to all of the rights, powers, duties and obligations of the capitol area planning commission.

The authority shall have 13 members who shall be as follows:

- (a) One member shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker.
- (b) One member shall be a senator appointed by the president of the senate.
- (c) One member shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives.
- (d) One member shall be a senator appointed by the minority leader of the senate.
- (e) One member shall be the secretary of administration.
- (f) One member shall be a person representative of the city government of Topeka appointed by the mayor thereof.
- (g) One member shall be a person experienced in land use planning appointed by the governor.
- (h) One member shall be the judicial administrator of the courts.
- (i) The remaining members shall be appointed by the governor and shall have such qualifications as the governor may deem appropriate.

Members serving on the authority ex officio shall serve for terms concurrent with the office each holds. The appointive members shall serve for terms of four years, except that the members of the capitol area planning commission immediately prior to the effective date of this act who were appointed by the governor shall serve as members of the capitol area plaza authority, and any unexpired portions of their respective terms of office as members of the commission shall be included in their terms of office as original members of the authority. Subsequent appointments shall be made as provided for original appointments, and any vacancy in the office of an appointed member shall be filled in the same manner as for original appointments for the unexpired terms. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4315c, and amendments thereto, the members of the authority appointed by the governor shall be so selected that all congressional districts of the state are represented on the authority.

**History:** L. 1965, ch. 469, § 2; L. 1972, ch. 333, §1; L. 1975, ch. 434, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 336, § 23; L. 1992, ch. 262, § 15; L. 2000, ch. 149, § 5; June 1.