

**75-2240a. Same; powers and duties; approval of contracts and documents by attorney general; issuance of bonds.** The duties and powers of the capitol area plaza authority are as follows:

(a) The authority shall have the power and capacity of suing and being sued, of contracting and being contracted with and of adopting and using a common seal.

(b) The authority shall have power to employ such persons as may be necessary for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act and the provisions of chapter 333 of the Laws of 1972, and may delegate such duties to said persons as the authority may deem proper.

(c) To the extent that the duties of the capitol area planning commission remain unfinished, the authority shall prepare a long-range plan of development of the state capitol area, which area shall be comprised of that area around the state capitol building which is deemed appropriate by the authority for the planning required.

(d) The long-range plan of development shall include a determination of the building, land and parking needs of state agencies in the capitol area.

(e) The long-range plan of development shall make recommendations on the proper use of land in the capitol area.

(f) The long-range plan of development shall make recommendations concerning traffic management, landscaping and beautification in the capitol area.

(g) The long-range plan of development shall include recommendations for implementation thereof.

(h) At the request of the urban renewal agency of the city of Topeka, the authority shall review and make recommendations as to the conformity of any urban renewal plan for the state capitol area with the long-range plan of development of the state capitol area. Such written recommendations shall be filed with the city clerk for the governing body of the city of Topeka within thirty (30) days after receipt of any urban renewal plan for review. Upon receipt of the recommendations of the authority, or if no recommendations are received within thirty (30) days, then without such recommendations, the governing body for the city of Topeka may proceed to review any urban renewal plan and to approve the same in accordance with K.S.A. 17-4747.

(i) The secretary of administration shall make and execute for and on behalf of the state of Kansas, all required documents, cooperation agreements and contracts with the city of Topeka, the urban renewal agency of the city of Topeka, and the United States of America, respecting the purchase of real estate within the state capitol area by the state of Kansas and its obligation to pay the fair use value thereof, as defined by K.S.A. 17-4750, and to provide one-third (1/3) of the net project cost therefor, as defined by section 110 (f), title I housing act of 1949, as amended, all of which shall in no event exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000).

(j) After approval of said urban renewal plan, as provided by this act and by K.S.A. 17-4750, the state of Kansas shall acquire by purchase from the urban renewal agency of the city of Topeka, the real estate designated to be acquired and redeveloped by the state of Kansas in the urban renewal plan for all or a portion of the state capitol area. The abstract of title or policy of title insurance and the deed conveying such real estate to the state of Kansas shall be approved by the attorney general before payment therefor is made. The deed shall name the state of Kansas as grantee and the same shall be recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Shawnee county, Kansas, and thereafter filed in the office of the secretary of state.

(k) All documents, cooperation agreements and contracts to be signed by the secretary of administration under this act for and on behalf of the state of Kansas, shall first be approved as to their legal form and sufficiency by the attorney general prior to being executed by the secretary of administration.

(l) The authority shall have the power to do all things and acts necessary or convenient to carry out the powers granted by law, except that the authority shall have no power at any time or in any manner to pledge the credit or the taxing power of the state within the meaning of section 6 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas.

(m) The authority is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with such officers of the city of Topeka and the urban renewal agency thereof as may be appropriate to obtain sufficient assurances from the city and its urban renewal agency concerning a feasible solution to any areas involving joint or overlapping authority such as, but not limited to, widening of streets, relocation of utility lines, determination of proportionate shares of cost to the state and the city for street and utilities changes, off-site service facilities and zoning requirements. The authority shall cause such assurances or agreements as may be received hereunder to be reduced to writing, signed by responsible officers of the city and its urban renewal agency and furnished to the governor, in order that the governor may make appropriate recommendations relating thereto to the legislature.

(n) The authority shall have power to issue bonds for the purpose of acquiring any real estate, or interest therein, located within Shawnee county, or for the purpose of planning, architectural services or other services for the development of or constructing, furnishing and equipping any building, improvement or facility located within said county: *Provided*, That no such bonds shall be issued until after the authorization thereof by an act of the legislature.

**History:** L. 1972, ch. 334, § 2; L. 1975, ch. 428, § 7; April 14.