

**75-6301. Securities commissioner; appointment and confirmation; establishment and administration of office; staff.** (a) There is hereby established the office of the securities commissioner of Kansas. The office shall be administered by the securities commissioner of Kansas who shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. The securities commissioner shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto, shall have special training and qualifications for such position and shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the governor. Except as provided by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed as securities commissioner shall exercise any power, duty or function as securities commissioner until confirmed by the senate.

(b) The securities commissioner may appoint directors within the office of the securities commissioner as determined necessary by the securities commissioner to effectively carry out the mission of the office. All directors appointed after the effective date of this act shall be in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act, shall have special training and qualifications for such positions, shall serve at the pleasure of the securities commissioner and shall receive compensation fixed by the securities commissioner and approved by the governor.

(c) Nothing in subsection (b) shall affect the classified status of any person employed in the office of the securities commissioner on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this act. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to limit the powers of the securities commissioner pursuant to K.S.A. 75-2948, and amendments thereto.

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