

2023 Kansas Statutes

12-16,106. Human relations commission; enforcement and review of orders. (a) A local human relations commission authorized by ordinance to award compensatory damages in the Kansas act against discrimination,* in a discrimination case may secure enforcement of any final order of such commission, or where authorized by ordinance, the commission's director may secure enforcement of any final order of such commission, in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act in amounts not to exceed any limitations prescribed in the Kansas act against discrimination. The evidence presented to the commission or director, together with the commission's or director's findings and the order issued thereon, shall be certified by the commission or director to the district court as the commission's or director's return. No order of the commission or director shall be superseded or stayed during the proceeding on review unless the district court so directs.

(b) (1) Any action of the commission or director is subject to review in accordance with the Kansas judicial review act except: (A) Determination by the commission or director that no probable cause exists for crediting the allegations of a complaint brought before such commission or director; (B) the commission or director, in addition to those persons specified by K.S.A. 77-611, and amendments thereto, shall have standing to bring an action for review; and (C) on review, the court shall hear the action by trial de novo with or without a jury in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 60-238, and amendments thereto, and the court, in the court's discretion, may permit any party or the commission or director to submit additional evidence on any issue. The review shall be heard and determined by the court as expeditiously as possible. After hearing, the court may affirm the adjudication. If the adjudication by the commission or director is not affirmed, the court may set aside or modify the adjudication, in whole or in part, or may remand the proceedings to the commission or director for further disposition in accordance with the order of the court.

(2) The commission's or director's copy of the testimony shall be available at all reasonable times to all parties for examination without cost, and for the purpose of judicial review of the order. The review shall be heard on the record without requirement of printing.

(3) The commission or director shall be deemed a party to the review of any order by the court.

History: L. 1988, ch. 205, § 1; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 33; July 1.