

2023 Kansas Statutes

22-4527. Abolition of board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants; transfer of officers and employees, rules and regulations, directives and standards, and records and property to new board; existing defense services systems continued subject to change. (a) The board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants created by K.S.A. 22-4514 is hereby abolished.

(b) On the effective date of this act, all officers and employees who were engaged immediately preceding the effective date of this act in the performance of powers, duties and functions of the board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants or public defenders and who, in the opinion of the state board of indigents' defense services, are necessary to perform the powers, duties and functions of the state board of indigents' defense services under this act, may become officers and employees of the state board of indigents' defense services. Any such officer or employee shall retain all retirement benefits and all rights which had accrued to or vested in such officer or employee in the unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act immediately preceding the effective date of this act, and the service of each such officer and employee shall be deemed to have been continuous. All transfers and any abolishment of positions of personnel shall be in accordance with law and applicable rules and regulations.

(c) All rules and regulations, orders, directives and standards of the board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants or of the supreme court relating to powers, duties and functions transferred to or imposed upon the state board of indigents' defense services, which rules and regulations, orders, directives and standards were in existence immediately preceding the effective date of this act, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be the rules and regulations, orders, directives and standards of the state board of indigents' defense services until amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

(d) The system providing legal defense services for indigent persons which is in existence and effect in each county and judicial district immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall continue in existence and effect subject to change by the state board of indigents' defense services in accordance with this act.

(e) On and after the effective date of this act, all books, records and other property which relate to providing legal defense services for indigent persons and belonging to the supreme court, the board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants or offices of public defenders immediately preceding the effective date of this act shall become the property of the state board of indigents' defense services.

(f) Whenever the board of supervisors of panels to aid indigent defendants is mentioned by statute, contract or other document, the reference shall be deemed to apply to the state board of indigents' defense services.

History: L. 1982, ch. 142, § 9; July 1.