

2023 Kansas Statutes

46-2303. Joint committee on state-tribal relations; membership; meetings; duties. (a) The joint committee on gaming compacts is hereby reconstituted as the joint committee on state-tribal relations. The joint committee shall consist of 12 members as follows: (1) Five members of the senate and five members of the house of representatives; and (2) the governor or the governor's designee and the attorney general or the attorney general's designee. Of the members appointed from the senate, three shall be appointed by the president of the senate and two shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. Of the members appointed from the house of representatives, three shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two by the minority leader of the house of representatives. All legislative members of the joint committee shall serve for terms ending on the first day of the regular legislative session in odd-numbered years.

(b) At the commencement of each regular session of the legislature, the governor or the governor's designee shall call an organizational meeting of the joint committee. The governor or the governor's designee shall serve as a temporary chairperson at the organizational meeting until a chairperson is elected as provided by this subsection. The members of the joint committee shall organize by electing from its membership a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. During odd-numbered years, the chairperson shall be a member from the senate and the vice-chairperson shall be a member from the house of representatives. During even-numbered years, the chairperson shall be a member from the house of representatives and the vice-chairperson shall be a member from the senate. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers and duties of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson. The ranking minority member of the joint committee shall be the ranking minority member of the senate when the chairperson is a member of the senate or the ranking minority member of the house of representatives when the chairperson is a member of the house of representatives.

(c) A quorum of the joint committee on state-tribal relations shall be six members. Actions of the joint committee recommending that a resolution approving a proposed compact be adopted or not be adopted shall be only on the affirmative vote of eight or more members of the joint committee, at least four of whom shall be senators and at least four of whom shall be members of the house of representatives. Action of the joint committee to report without recommendation a resolution approving a compact may be on the affirmative vote of any five or more legislative members of the committee. The governor or the governor's designee and the attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall not have the power to vote on an action approving or disapproving a compact or an action to report without recommendation a resolution approving a compact. All other actions of the joint committee may be taken by a majority of those present when there is a quorum.

(d) The joint committee may meet at any time and at any place within the state on the call of the chairperson. The joint committee may appoint subcommittees as deemed appropriate. Members of the joint committee and subcommittees thereof shall receive compensation, travel, subsistence allowance and mileage as provided by K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of the joint committee or subcommittee thereof.

(e) The provisions of the acts contained in article 12 of chapter 46 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, applicable to special committees shall apply to the joint committee to the extent that the same do not conflict with the specific provisions of this act applicable to the joint committee.

(f) In accordance with K.S.A. 46-1204, and amendments thereto, the legislative coordinating council may provide for such professional services as may be requested by the joint committee on state-tribal relations.

(g) The joint committee:

(1) May establish and transmit to the governor proposed guidelines reflecting the public policies and state interests, as embodied in the constitution, statutes and case law of the state of Kansas, consistent with the Indian gaming regulatory act, 25 U.S.C. § 2701 et seq., that the joint committee will consider in reviewing proposed compacts;

- (2) may recommend to the governor that any gaming compact provide for the imposition and collection of state sales and excise taxes on sales of nongaming goods and services to persons other than tribal members and imposition and collection of state income tax on revenues derived from sales of nongaming goods and services;
- (3) may hold public hearings on proposed gaming compacts submitted to the joint committee by the governor;
- (4) shall recommend modification of proposed gaming compacts submitted by the governor and introduce resolutions approving proposed gaming compacts submitted by the governor and recommend that such resolutions be adopted or be not adopted, or report such resolutions without recommendation, and notify the governor, in writing, of the joint committee's action;
- (5) shall meet, discuss and hold hearings on issues concerning state and tribal relations;
- (6) may make recommendations on issues concerning state and tribal relations; and
- (7) may introduce such legislation as deemed necessary in performing its functions.

History: L. 1993, ch. 4, § 3; L. 1999, ch. 139, § 5; L. 2001, ch. 72, § 1; L. 2022, ch. 33, § 1; July 1.