

2023 Kansas Statutes

75-2714. Preservation of historic character of certain property; state historical society authorized to make agreements; limitation on use of eminent domain; remedies. (a) Each agency and political subdivision of this state shall cooperate with the state historical society in its administration of the property under the society's jurisdiction and control in order to preserve the historic character and integrity thereof. The society may enter into agreements with any such agency or subdivision, with any agency of the federal government or with any private individual or entity concerning the construction or proposed construction of any road, street, highway or structure which, due to its proximity to property under the society's jurisdiction and control, would compromise the historic character or integrity of such property.

(b) No agency or political subdivision of the state and no other entity shall exercise the power of eminent domain with respect to any property under the society's jurisdiction and control without the prior written approval of the society. No such agency, subdivision or entity and no other person shall change or alter, or cause to be changed or altered, the physical features or historic character or integrity of such property without the prior written approval of the society. Within 20 days after receipt of notice of the society's refusal to grant such approval, which notice shall be sent by registered or restricted mail, any party aggrieved by the decision of the society may make written application to the secretary of state for a hearing thereon. Such hearing shall be held by the secretary of state within 30 days after receipt of the application therefor and shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, with the applicant and the society as parties thereto. Following the hearing, the secretary of state shall enter an order affirming, reversing or modifying the decision of the society. The decision of the secretary of state shall be subject to appeal in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas judicial review act, K.S.A. 77-601 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) The attorney general, on relation of the state historical society or the secretary of state, shall file an action in the appropriate district court to enjoin any agency or political subdivision of the state or any other person or entity from doing any act in contravention of an order of the secretary of state or from doing any act contemplated by subsection (b) of this section without the prior written approval of the state historical society, unless authority to do such act has been granted by the secretary of state pursuant to that subsection.

History: L. 1971, ch. 271, § 2; L. 1972, ch. 332, § 55; L. 1988, ch. 356, § 299; L. 2004, ch. 74, § 3; L. 2010, ch. 17, § 194; July 1.