

## HOUSE BILL No. 2190

By Committee on Local Government

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1 AN ACT concerning counties; authorizing term limits for members of the  
2 board of county commissioners; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 19-202  
3 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 19-202 is hereby amended to read as  
7 follows: 19-202. (a) The board of county commissioners of each county  
8 shall consist of three, five or seven qualified electors.

9 (b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 19-204b, and  
10 ~~amendments thereto, one~~ county commissioner shall reside in and  
11 represent each commissioner district within the county. During the time  
12 that any person is a candidate for nomination or election to office as a  
13 member of the board of county commissioners and during the term of  
14 office of the county commissioner, such candidate or county  
15 commissioner shall be and remain a qualified elector who resides in such  
16 person's district.

17 (c) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto,  
18 terms of office for the board of county commissioners shall be staggered  
19 in such a way that no more than a simple majority of commissioners is  
20 elected at any general election.

21 (d) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto,  
22 all county commissioners shall hold office for a term of four years from  
23 the second Monday of January next after their election and until their  
24 successors are qualified.

25 (e) *The board of county commissioners of any county, by resolution,*  
26 *may establish term limits for members of the board of county*  
27 *commissioners of not to exceed two consecutive four-year terms. The*  
28 *resolution shall not take effect until it has been approved by a majority of*  
29 *the qualified electors of the county voting thereon at the next general*  
30 *election in which all the qualified electors of the county are entitled to*  
31 *vote.*

32 *Upon the presentation of a petition to the board of county*  
33 *commissioners, signed by electors equal in number to 5% of the qualified*  
34 *electors of the county requesting that term limits of not to exceed two*  
35 *consecutive four-year terms be established for members of the board of*  
36 *county commissioners, the board of county commissioners shall cause*

1 *such proposition to be submitted to the voters of the county at the next*  
2 *general election in which all of the qualified electors of the county are*  
3 *entitled to vote. If a majority of the electors voting at such election shall*  
4 *be in favor of establishing term limits, the board of county commissioners*  
5 *shall adopt a resolution establishing such term limits which shall be*  
6 *come effective for all members of the board of county commissioners*  
7 *elected after the effective date of such resolution.*

8 (e) (f) The provisions of subsections (a), (c) and (d) of this section  
9 may be modified by the adoption of a charter for county government in  
10 any county which has established a charter commission pursuant to law.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 19-202 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
13 publication in the statute book.