

## HOUSE BILL No. 2419

By Representative Merrick

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1 AN ACT concerning fire districts in Johnson county and city annexation;  
2 amending K.S.A. 19-3623f and repealing the existing section; also  
3 repealing K.S.A. 13-796, 13-797, 13-798, 13-799, 13-7,100 and 13-  
4 7,101.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 19-3623f is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
8 3623f. (a) If any land included in a fire district created under the  
9 provisions of K.S.A. 19-3613, and amendments thereto, is thereafter  
10 annexed by any city, ~~other than the city of Overland Park~~, such land shall  
11 continue to be within and a part of the fire district unless ~~approved for~~  
12 ~~detachment and exclusion from the boundaries of such district by the~~  
13 ~~board of county commissioners. Within 60 days following annexation of~~  
14 ~~land located within a fire district the governing bodies of the city and fire~~  
15 ~~district shall negotiate an agreement providing for the transfer of such land~~  
16 ~~to the city. Such negotiations also shall~~ *may* include the transfer of other  
17 property of the fire district and the payment of compensation therefor. Any  
18 such agreement shall be submitted to and approved by the board of county  
19 commissioners, *and thereupon such land shall be detached from the fire*  
20 *district and any other property to be transferred to the city under the*  
21 *agreement shall be transferred.*

22 (b) ~~If the city and fire district are unable to reach an agreement~~  
23 ~~pursuant to subsection (a), the governing body of the city or fire district~~  
24 ~~shall present a petition to the board requesting the board to detach such~~  
25 ~~land and provide for the transfer of any property. Upon receipt of such~~  
26 ~~petition, the board shall call and hold a hearing thereon. Notice of such~~  
27 ~~hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the~~  
28 ~~county once each week for two consecutive weeks. The final notice shall~~  
29 ~~be published not less than one week and not more than two weeks before~~  
30 ~~the date fixed for the hearing. A copy of the notice also shall be mailed by~~  
31 ~~certified mail to the residents and governing bodies of the fire district and~~  
32 ~~city affected by the detachment. The cost of providing notice required by~~  
33 ~~this subsection shall be paid by the city.~~

34 (c) ~~On the day set for the hearing, the board shall hear testimony as to~~  
35 ~~the advisability of the detachment of land from the fire district and the~~  
36 ~~transfer of any property. The action of the board shall be quasi-judicial in~~

1 nature. The board shall consider the impact of approving or disapproving  
2 the detachment of such land and transfer of any property. The board shall  
3 make specific written findings of fact and conclusions determining  
4 whether such detachment or the detachment of a lesser amount of such  
5 area and the transfer of property causes manifest injury to the fire district,  
6 or to the city if the detachment and transfer is disapproved. The findings  
7 and conclusions shall be based upon the preponderance of evidence  
8 presented to the board. In determining whether manifest injury would  
9 result from the detachment and transfer, the board's considerations shall  
10 include, but not be limited to, the:

11 (1) Response time of the city and the fire district to the area proposed  
12 to be detached;

13 (2) impact on the fire district from the decrease in its tax base if  
14 detachment is approved;

15 (3) impact on the city's provision of fire service if the detachment is  
16 disapproved;

17 (4) impact on the residents of the area;

18 (5) loss of sales tax revenue to the city if detachment is disapproved;  
19 and

20 (6) impact on the remainder of the fire district if the detachment is  
21 approved.

22 (d) The board shall make its decision within 120 days after the date of  
23 the conclusion of the hearing. The board may continue the hearing beyond  
24 the time specified without further publication of notice. If a majority of the  
25 board concludes the proposed detachment or any part thereof should be  
26 granted and the transfer of any property, the board shall so find; and  
27 thereupon such land shall be detached from the fire district and any other  
28 property shall be transferred to the city. If aggrieved by the decision of the  
29 board, the fire district or the city may appeal such decision to the district  
30 court of the county.

31 (e) (b) When the land annexed to such city is detached and excluded  
32 from such district the governing body of the *fire* district shall redefine the  
33 new boundaries of the *fire* district to exclude the land so detached. All  
34 general obligation bonds issued for the acquisition or construction of fire  
35 stations or buildings, the acquisition of sites therefor and the purchase of  
36 fire fighting equipment by a fire district which are issued prior to the  
37 detachment of such land shall continue as an obligation of the property  
38 subject to taxation for the payment thereof at the time such bonds were  
39 issued.

40 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 13-796, 13-797, 13-798, 13-799, 13-7,100, 13-7,101  
41 and 19-3623f are hereby repealed.

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