

**32-1049. Citation; notice.** (a) Whenever a person is charged for any violation of any of the wildlife, parks and tourism laws of this state or the provisions of article 11 of chapter 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, or rules and regulations adopted thereunder, punishable as a misdemeanor and is not immediately taken before a judge of the district court as required or permitted pursuant to K.S.A. 32-1048 and 32-1178, and amendments thereto, the officer shall prepare a written citation containing a notice to appear in court, the name and address of the person, the offense charged, the time and place when and where the person shall appear in court and such other pertinent information as may be necessary.

(b) The time specified in the citation must be at least five days after the alleged violation unless the person charged with the violation shall demand an earlier hearing.

(c) The place specified in the citation must be before a judge of the district court within the county in which the offense is alleged to have been committed and who has jurisdiction of the offense and is nearest or most accessible with reference to the place where the alleged violation occurred.

(d) The person charged with the violation may give a written promise to appear in court by signing at least one copy of the written citation prepared by the officer, in which event the officer shall deliver a copy of the citation to the person, and thereupon the officer shall not take the person into physical custody for the violation.

(e) Any officer violating any provisions of this section is guilty of misconduct in office and shall be subject to removal from office.

(f) In the event the form of citation provided for in this section includes information required by law and is signed by the officer preparing the same, such citation when filed with a court having jurisdiction shall be deemed to be a lawful complaint for the purpose of prosecution under law.

**History:** L. 1975, ch. 223, § 1; L. 1976, ch. 145, § 157; L. 1986, ch. 150, § 2; L. 1989, ch. 118, § 135; L. 2012, ch. 47, § 63; July 1.