

**44-661. Kansas apprenticeship council; establishment; composition; qualifications; terms; quorum; vacancies; organization; officers; meetings; expenses; clerical, secretarial and staff assistance.** (a) There is hereby established the Kansas apprenticeship council within the department of commerce. The Kansas apprenticeship council shall be composed of nine members as follows:

- (1) Four members representative of management appointed by the secretary of commerce;
- (2) four members representative of labor appointed by the secretary of commerce; and
- (3) the secretary of commerce or the secretary's designee.

In making such appointments, the secretary of commerce shall consider all persons nominated for membership on the council by statewide trade associations, employer groups and state labor organizations. All members appointed or designated by the secretary of commerce shall possess considerable knowledge of apprenticeship and apprenticeship programs.

(b) For terms beginning March 1, 2004, the secretary of human resources shall appoint one representative of management and one representative of labor to terms of one year, one representative of management and one representative of labor to terms of two years, one representative of management and one representative of labor to terms of three years and one representative of management and one representative of labor to terms of four years. Thereafter members appointed by the secretary of commerce shall be appointed to four-year terms and shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. A quorum shall consist of any five members other than the secretary or the secretary's designee. Each member shall have one vote on all matters before the council, except that the secretary or the secretary's designee may cast a vote only in cases of tie votes. Any vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(c) The Kansas apprenticeship council shall organize annually by electing a chairperson and a vice-chairperson from among the members appointed by the secretary of commerce as representative of management or labor. When a member representative of labor is chairperson of the council, a member representative of management shall be vice-chairperson. When a member representative of management is chairperson of the council, a member representative of labor shall be vice-chairperson. In the absence of the chairperson, the vice-chairperson shall exercise all powers of the chairperson. The council may adopt such rules of procedure as it may deem to be required for operation.

(d) The Kansas apprenticeship council shall meet regularly on a bimonthly basis and at such other times as determined by the council. Meetings may be held at locations within the state which will best promote the purposes of the council and apprenticeship and as may be required in the performance of the powers, duties and functions of the council. Members of the Kansas apprenticeship council attending meetings thereof, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the council, shall be paid amounts provided in subsection (e) of K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Such amounts shall be paid pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the Kansas apprenticeship council and by the secretary of commerce or a person or persons designated therefor by the secretary.

(e) The secretary of commerce shall provide to the Kansas apprenticeship council such clerical, secretarial and other staff assistance as may be requested by the council for the performance of the powers, duties and functions of the council.

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**Revisor's Note:**

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