

**73-213. Definitions.** For the purposes of this act, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them by this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(a) "Officer" means any officer or employee of the state of Kansas or any political subdivision thereof.

(b) "Military service" means service in the army, navy, or marine corps of the United States or any compulsory service rendered in any capacity to the federal government for the purpose of national defense.

(c) "Appointive authority" means the person, board, commission, or other authority vested by law with power to appoint a successor for an officer upon the happening of a vacancy in the office or position held by such officer; but if no person, board, commission, or other authority is vested by law with power to appoint a successor for an officer upon the happening of such a vacancy, then "appointive authority" shall mean the governor of the state of Kansas.

(d) "Temporary vacancy" means a vacancy in an office or position caused by the absence in military service of the officer elected or appointed thereto. If the officer was originally elected or appointed for a definite term such "temporary vacancy" shall mean the period of time beginning with the day such officer shall enter the military service and ending with the day he shall return from military service, or with the expiration of the term for which he was elected or appointed, whichever period of time is the shorter. If the officer was originally appointed to his office or position for an indefinite term or for a term expiring at the pleasure of the appointive authority, such "temporary vacancy" shall mean the period of time beginning with the day such officer shall enter the military service and ending with the day he shall return from military service, or with the expiration of the appointive power of the original appointive authority, whichever period of time is the shorter.

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