

**19-27a13. Joint sewer districts; creation; procedure; inclusion of certain districts; petition.** (a) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-270, whenever the main sewer district engineer recommends the creation of one or more joint sewer districts to serve an existing or proposed lateral sewer district or any part thereof, together with additional described land in the same natural drainage area, the governing body of the main sewer district may adopt the appropriate resolution to create a joint sewer district. The joint sewer district may operate and maintain all sanitary sewer and sewage treatment facilities of the districts included in the joint district. All outstanding obligations of any sewer district at the time of its inclusion in a joint sewer district shall remain the obligations of the sewer district and the governing body of the sewer district shall continue to levy the special assessments and taxes necessary to pay the obligations against the lands located within the sewer district.

(b) Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 19-270, whenever the governing body of any sewer district has constructed a sanitary sewer system which includes a sewage pumping station for the disposition of sewage and it appears to the governing body that it is more economical and in the best interests of the landowners in the sewer district, taking into account the cost of operating and maintaining the pumping station, the governing body, by resolution, may include the sewer district in a joint sewer district in order that the sewage may be disposed of by gravity sewers. No resolution shall be adopted until after the presentation of a petition signed by the owners of at least 51% of the area in the sewer district. The petition shall request the governing body to: (A) Dispose of the pumping station as advantageously as possible; (B) include the sewer district within a joint sewer district in order to dispose of the sewage by gravity; (C) construct any additional sewers that may be necessary; (D) assess the cost thereof against the property in the joint sewer district; and (E) issue general obligation bonds of the county to pay the costs thereof.

(c) The petition also shall state requirements listed in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 19-27a03, and amendments thereto. Prior to the creation of any joint sewer district, the governing body of the district shall hold a public hearing thereon and give notice thereof in the manner provided by K.S.A. 19-27a05, and amendments thereto.

**History:** L. 1983, ch. 99, § 14; L. 1986, ch. 70, § 4; May 15.