

**40-2305a. Certain school employees considered employees of state; referendum; certification.** (a) For the purpose of applying and construing the provisions of this section, the employees of any political subdivision who are covered by the state system for retirement and payment of annuities to school employees as provided for in article 55 of chapter 72 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and acts amendatory thereof or supplemental thereto, shall be considered to be employees of the state and not of a political subdivision.

(b) With respect to employees of the state the governor is empowered to authorize a referendum, and with respect to the employees of any political subdivision he shall authorize a referendum upon request of the governing body of such subdivision; and in either case the referendum shall be conducted, and the governor shall designate an agency or individual to supervise its conduct, in accordance with the requirements of section 218(d)(3) of the social security act, on the question of whether service in positions covered by a retirement system established by the state or by a political subdivision thereof should be excluded from or included under an agreement under this act. The governor or the agency or individual whom he shall designate to supervise the conduct of a referendum, with the approval of the governor, shall adopt rules and regulations governing the calling, holding and canvassing of such referendum. If the governor shall have, prior to the effective date of this act, designated an agency or individual to supervise the conduct of a referendum all the acts of the governor and of such agency or individual performed prior to the effective date of this act are hereby validated and confirmed to the same extent as if done under the authority of this act and, in the case of a political subdivision, regardless of the fact that the governing body of such political subdivision did not request such referendum. The notice of referendum required by section 218(d)(3)(C) of the social security act to be given to employees shall contain or shall be accompanied by a statement, in such form and such detail as the agency or individual designated to supervise the referendum shall deem necessary and sufficient, to inform the employees of the rights which will accrue to them and their dependents and survivors, and the liabilities to which they will be subject, if their services are included under an agreement under this act.

(c) Upon receiving evidence satisfactory to him that with respect to any such referendum the conditions specified in sections 218(d)(3) of the social security act have been met, the governor shall so certify to the secretary of health, education and welfare.

**History:** L. 1955, ch. 246, § 6; April 13.