

**74-3202a. State board of regents; establishment; composition; appointment; terms; qualifications; meetings; compensation and expenses.** (a) There is established the state board of regents. The state board of regents shall be composed of nine members appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as provided by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed to the state board of regents shall exercise any power, duty or function as a member of the state board until confirmed by the senate. Each member shall hold office for a term of four years, except as provided in subsection (b) for the first members appointed to the state board, and until a successor is appointed and confirmed. Terms of members shall expire on June 30. No person shall serve more than two terms of office as a member of the state board, except that this limitation shall not include the first term of office of any person appointed and qualified in accordance with subsection (b)(4).

(b) (1) One member of the state board of regents shall be a resident of each congressional district with the remaining members appointed from among all residents of Kansas, except that no two members shall reside in the same county at the time of appointment. Subsequent redistricting of congressional districts shall not disqualify any member of the state board from service for the remainder of the member's term of office.

(2) At no time shall more than five members of the state board of regents be members of the same political party.

(3) At no time shall any person who is an elected official or an officer or employee of any postsecondary educational institution be a member of the state board of regents.

(4) The first members of the state board of regents established under this section shall be appointed by the governor on or before July 1, 1999. Of such members, three shall have a term of office of four years, three shall have a term of office of three years, and three shall have a term of office of two years.

(c) The members of the state board of regents shall meet and organize annually by electing one member as chairperson, except that the governor shall designate the first chairperson of the state board from among the first members appointed.

(d) Members of the state board of regents attending meetings of the state board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by the state board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3212, and amendments thereto, for members of the legislature.

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