

**80-2501. Definitions.** As used in this act:

(a) "Board" means a hospital board which is selected in accordance with the provisions of this act and which is vested with the management and control of an existing hospital or a hospital established under the provisions of this act;

(b) "hospital" means a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, and includes within its meaning any clinic, long-term care facility, limited care residential retirement facility, child-care facility, emergency medical or ambulance service operated in connection with the operation of the medical care facility and joint enterprises for the provision of health care services operated in connection with the operation of the medical care facility;

(c) "hospital moneys" means, but is not limited to, moneys acquired through the issuance of bonds, the levy of taxes, the receipt of grants, donations, gifts, bequests, interest earned on investments authorized by this act and state or federal aid and from fees and charges for use of and services provided by the hospital;

(d) "existing hospital" means a hospital established under the provisions of article 21 of chapter 80 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and acts amendatory of the provisions thereof or supplemental thereto, prior to the effective date of this act and being maintained and operated on the effective date of this act;

(e) "political subdivision" means a township, a city or a hospital district established under the provisions of article 21 of chapter 80 of Kansas Statutes Annotated, and acts amendatory of the provisions thereof or supplemental thereto, prior to the effective date of this act or established under this act;

(f) "qualified elector" means any person who has been a bona fide resident within the territory included in the taxing district of a hospital for 30 days prior to the date of any annual meeting or election provided for in this act and who possesses the qualifications of an elector provided for in the laws governing general elections;

(g) As used in this section, a "limited care residential retirement facility" means a facility, other than an adult care home, in which there are separate apartment-style living areas, bedrooms, bathrooms and individual utilities; which facility is available only to individuals 55 years of age or older; and which facility has at least the following characteristics: (1) A common recreational and dining area; (2) planned recreation and social gatherings; (3) laundry facilities or services and housecleaning services; (4) special dietary programs providing at least one meal per day; (5) organized wellness programs; (6) a 24-hour emergency call system in each unit staffed by the hospital district; (7) a nursing staff from the hospital district on 24-hour call for residents; and (8) availability of additional health related services, laundry services, housekeeping, means for individuals with special or additional needs;

(h) "joint enterprise" means a business undertaking by a hospital and one or more public or private entities for the provision of health care services.

**History:** L. 1984, ch. 374, § 1; L. 1991, ch. 289, § 1; L. 2003, ch. 51, § 3; July 1.