

**19-4486. Same; abandonment of operation under act; division of property; disposition of records; contracts; placement of officers and employees.** Any county operating under the provisions of this act may abandon such operation in the same manner as that provided in K.S.A. 19-4470 for the adoption of the provisions of this act except that the word "abandon" instead of the word "adopt" shall be used in the petition or resolution and upon the ballot and in the election proclamation. If a majority of the votes cast at the election upon such proposition shall be in favor of abandoning operations under the provisions of this act, the law enforcement agency and department are hereby abolished effective on January 1 next following the date of such election. All moneys, equipment and supplies of such agency and department shall be transferred to the county and the incorporated cities within such county in the following manner:

The county shall appoint one appraiser, and the governing bodies of all the cities jointly shall appoint one appraiser. The two (2) selected appraisers shall select a third appraiser. All the property of the agency shall be appraised by the appraisers and a dollar amount of value shall be given to all the property.

The board of directors shall divide the property, money, equipment and supplies of the agency, one-half (1/2) to the county, and one-half (1/2) to the cities according to the needs of each. All records of the department relating to the enforcement of city ordinances shall be transferred to the city marshal or chief of police of the appropriate city. In cities having no city marshal or chief of police such officer shall be appointed in like manner as that now provided by law for the filling of vacancies in such office.

All records of the agency shall be filed in the office of the county clerk. All records of the department relating to the enforcement of the laws of the state and other records of concern to the sheriff shall be transferred to the county sheriff. All existing contracts shall terminate and the rights and property of the contracting cities shall be transferred and delivered to the appropriate city. The placement and employment of all law enforcement officers and other agency employees, including provisions concerning their retirement rights shall be determined as provided by law.

**History:** L. 1974, ch. 130, § 19; March 26.