

**I-1 Addressing  
Abandoned Property  
Using Legal Tools**

**I-2 Administrative  
Rule and Regulation  
Legislative Oversight**

**I-3 Board of Indigents'  
Defense Services**

**I-4 Election Security**

**I-5 Government  
Transparency**

**I-6 Joint Committee on  
Special Claims Against  
the State**

**I-7 Kansas Open  
Meetings Act**

**I-8 Kansas Open  
Records Act**

**I-9 KPERS' Retirement  
Plans and History**

**I-10 Post-election Audits**

**I-11 Senate  
Confirmation Process**

**I-12 State Employee  
Issues**

**I-13 Voter Registration  
and Identification**

Erica Haas  
Principal Research Analyst  
785-296-3181  
Erica.Haas@klrd.ks.gov

### State and Local Government

#### I-11 Senate Confirmation Process

State law in Kansas requires that certain appointments by the Governor or other state officials be confirmed by the Senate prior to the appointee exercising any power, duty, or function of the office. If a majority of the Senate votes on the question of confirmation of an appointment to an office and the appointment is not confirmed, the office shall become vacant at that time (KSA 75-4315b).

When the Senate is not in session, the Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight (Committee) reviews appointments and makes recommendations related to the appointments to the full Senate.

The Committee has six members with proportional representation from the two major political parties (KSA 2018 Supp. 46-2601). One of the members of the Committee is the Majority Leader of the Senate, or the Majority Leader's designee, who serves as chairperson. The Minority Leader of the Senate, or the Minority Leader's designee, serves as vice-chairperson.

If a vacancy occurs in an office or in the membership of a board, commission, council, committee, authority, or other governmental body and the appointment to fill the vacancy is subject to confirmation by the Senate, the Committee may authorize, by a majority vote, the person appointed to fill the vacancy to exercise the powers, duties, and functions of the office until the appointment is confirmed by the Senate.

A list of those positions subject to Senate confirmation is included below, along with flow charts outlining the confirmation process for gubernatorial appointees and non-gubernatorial appointees.

#### Alphabetical List of Appointments Subject to Senate Confirmation

Adjutant General  
Administration, Secretary  
Aging and Disability Services, Secretary  
Agriculture, Secretary  
Alcoholic Beverage Control, Director  
Bank Commissioner  
Banking Board

Board of Tax Appeals, Members and Chief Hearing Officer	Kansas Development Finance Authority, Board of Directors
Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission	Kansas National Guard, General Officers
Children and Families, Secretary	Labor, Secretary
Civil Service Board	Librarian, State
Commerce, Secretary	Long-Term Care Ombudsman
Corporation Commission	Lottery Commission
Corrections, Secretary	Lottery Commission, Executive Director
Court of Appeals, Judge	Mo-Kan Metropolitan Development District and Agency Compact
Credit Union Administrator	Pooled Money Investment Board
Crime Victims Compensation Board	Property Valuation, Director
Employment Security, Board of Review	Public Employee Relations Board
Export Loan Guarantee Committee	Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees
Fire Marshal	Racing and Gaming Commission
Gaming Agency, Executive Director	Racing and Gaming Commission, Executive Director
Healing Arts, Executive Director of State Board	Regents, State Board
Health and Environment, Office of Inspector General	Revenue, Secretary
Health and Environment, Secretary	Securities Commissioner
Highway Patrol, Superintendent	Transportation, Secretary
Historical Society, Executive Director	Veterans' Affairs Office, Commission on, Director
Hospital Authority, University of Kansas	Water Authority, Chairperson
Human Rights Commission	Water Office, Director
Indigents' Defense Services, State Board	Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Secretary
Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Director	
Kansas City Area Transportation District	

<b>Senate Confirmation Process: Gubernatorial Appointments</b>	
Step 1	The Governor appoints an individual to a vacancy requiring Senate confirmation.
Step 2	The Governor's Office collects completed copies of the appointee's nomination form, statement of substantial interest, tax information, and background investigation, including fingerprints.
Step 3	The Governor's Office submits completed copies of the appointee's nomination form, statement of substantial interest, and acknowledgment of release of tax and criminal records information forms to the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) <i>via</i> the chairperson of the Committee.
Step 4	KLRD and Revisor of Statutes staff review the file for completeness.
Step 5	If the file is complete, KLRD staff informs the chairperson of the Committee that the file is available for review.
Step 6	The nominee's appointment is considered by the Committee.

<b>Senate Confirmation Process: Non-gubernatorial Appointments</b>	
Step 1	The chairperson of the Committee is notified by the appointing authority that an appointment has been made requiring Senate confirmation.
Step 2	The appointing authority submits completed copies of the appointee's nomination form, statement of substantial interest, tax information release form, and written request for a background investigation to the KLRD <i>via</i> the chairperson of the Committee.
Step 3	The Director of Legislative Research submits a written request to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) for a background check, including fingerprints. The Director also submits a request to the Department of Revenue to release the appointees tax information.
Step 4	KBI and Department of Revenue officials complete the background and tax investigations. The information is sent to KLRD.
Step 5	The Director of Legislative Research informs the appointing authority and nominee the file is complete and available for review.
Step 6	The appointing authority and nominee may exercise the option to review the information and decide whether to proceed with the nomination.
Step 7	If the appointing authority and nominee decide to proceed with the nomination, the Director of Legislative Research informs the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Committee the file is available for review.
Step 8	The nominee's appointment is considered by the Committee.

For more information, please contact:

Erica Haas, Principal Research Analyst  
[Erica.Haas@klrd.ks.gov](mailto:Erica.Haas@klrd.ks.gov)

Robert Gallimore, Principal Research Analyst  
[Robert.Gallimore@klrd.ks.gov](mailto:Robert.Gallimore@klrd.ks.gov)

Kansas Legislative Research Department  
 300 SW 10th Ave., Room 68-West, Statehouse  
 Topeka, KS 66612  
 Phone: (785) 296-3181