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U-6 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 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, a standing committee of the Senate – the Confirmation Oversight Committee – reviews appointments and makes recommendations related to the appointments to the full Senate.

The Confirmation Oversight Committee has six members with proportional representation from the two major political parties (KSA 46-2601). One of the members of the Committee is the Majority Leader, 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 Confirmation Oversight 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.

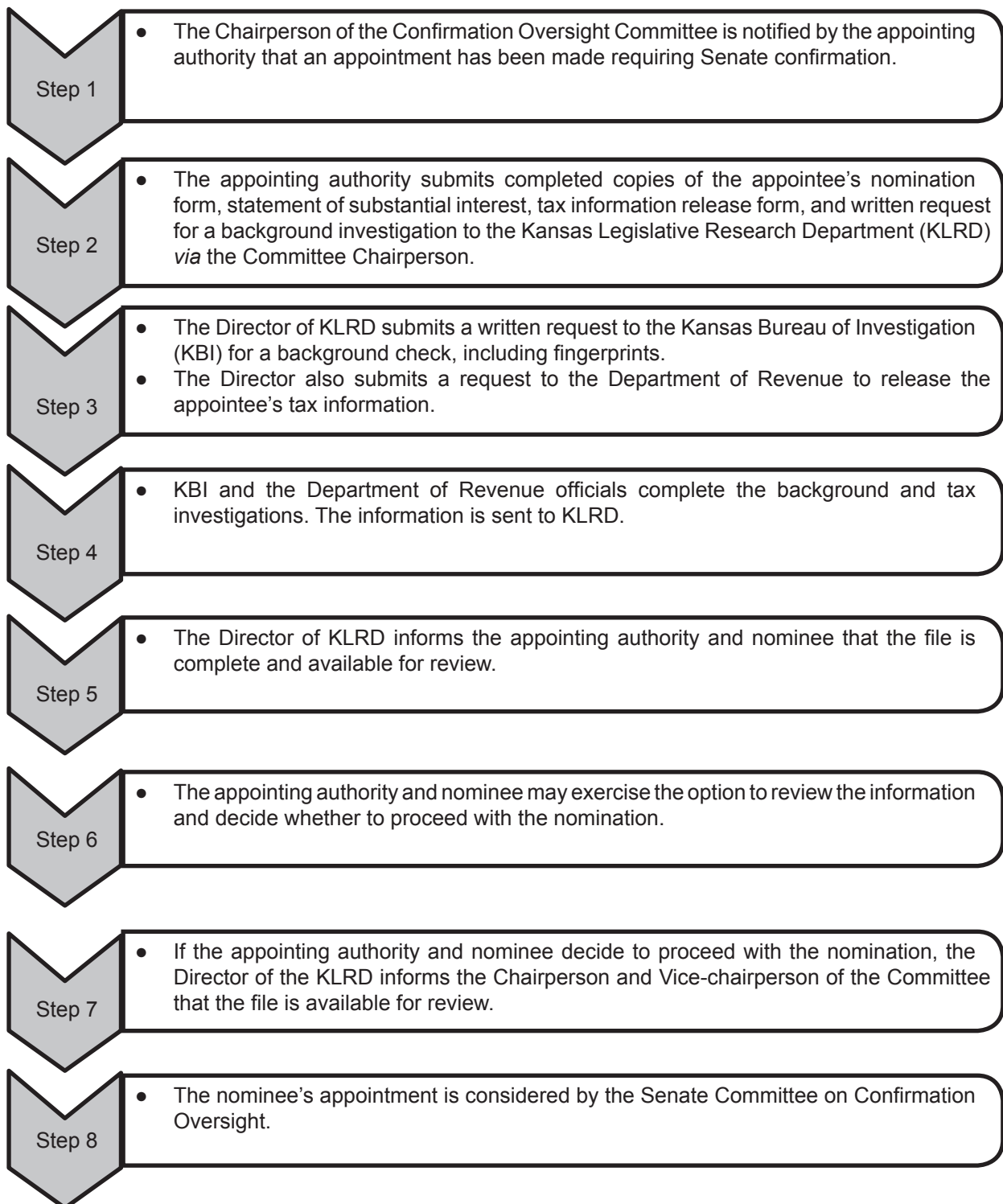
A list of those positions subject to Senate confirmation are included below along with flow charts showing the confirmation process for gubernatorial appointees and non-gubernatorial appointees.

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
Bioscience Authority
Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission

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

Senate Confirmation Process: Non-Gubernatorial Appointments



Senate Confirmation Process: Gubernatorial Appointments

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 acknowledgement of release of tax and criminal records information forms to the Kansas Legislative Research Department (KLRD) *via* the Committee Chairperson.

Step 4

- KLRD and the Office of the 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 Senate Committee on Confirmation Oversight.

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