

HOUSE BILL No. 2615

By Joint Committee on Arts and Cultural Resources

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AN ACT establishing the joint committee on the Kansas legislative history project.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) There is hereby established a joint committee on the Kansas legislative history project which shall consist of five senators and five members of the house of representatives. Three of the senate members shall be appointed by the president of the senate and two of the senate members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. Three of the representative members shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and two of the representative members shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives. The president of the senate shall designate a senator member to be chairperson or vice-chairperson of the joint committee as provided in this section. The speaker of the house of representatives shall designate a representative member to be chairperson or vice-chairperson of the joint committee as provided in this section.

(b) A quorum of the joint committee on the Kansas legislative history project shall be six. All actions of the committee may be taken by a majority of those present when there is a quorum. In odd-numbered years the chairperson of the joint committee shall be the designated member of the house of representatives from the convening of the regular session in that year until the convening of the regular session in the next ensuing year. In even-numbered years the chairperson of the joint committee shall be the designated member of the senate from the convening of the regular session of that year until the convening of the regular session of the next ensuing year. The vice-chairperson shall exercise all of the powers of the chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

(c) The joint committee on the Kansas legislative history project shall:

(1) Study enhancements to the Kansas legislators web directory, including a feasibility study to determine the need for and costs to implement and maintain such legislator directory enhancements;

(2) study ways to document the work of the Kansas legislature, including the development of an oral legislative history project; and

(3) study ways to identify, preserve and make available records of the

1 Kansas legislature and individual legislators.

2 (d) The joint committee shall report to the legislature on or before
3 December 31 each year any finding and recommendations concerning
4 the Kansas legislative history project which the joint committee deems
5 appropriate. The joint committee may introduce such legislation as it
6 deems necessary in performing its functions.

7 (e) The joint committee on the Kansas legislative history project shall
8 meet on call of the chairperson as authorized by the legislative coordi-
9 nating council. All such meetings shall be held in Topeka, unless author-
10 ized to be held in a different place by the legislative coordinating council.
11 Members of the joint committee shall receive compensation and travel
12 expenses and subsistence expenses or allowances as provided in K.S.A.
13 75-3212, and amendments thereto, when attending meetings of such
14 committee authorized by the legislative coordinating council.

15 (f) Amounts paid under authority of this section shall be paid from
16 appropriations for legislative expense and vouchers therefor shall be pre-
17 pared by the director of legislative administrative services and approved
18 by the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the legislative coordinating
19 council.

20 (g) The provisions of this section shall expire on July 1, 2007.

21 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.

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