

1 there shall be elected a commissioner of insurance for the state of Kansas,
2 whose term of office shall be four-(4) years beginning on the second
3 Monday in January next succeeding such commissioner's election. In case
4 of a vacancy in such office, *within two calendar days after receiving a*
5 *concurrent resolution adopted pursuant to section 6, and amendments*
6 *thereto*, the governor shall appoint ~~some suitable person~~ *one of the three*
7 *persons designated as candidates in such concurrent resolution* to serve
8 for the unexpired term and until a successor is elected and qualified. *No*
9 *person shall be appointed pursuant to this section unless such person is a*
10 *resident of this state and shall have been registered with the same political*
11 *party for the immediately preceding 10 years as that of the commissioner*
12 *of insurance elected at the immediately preceding election for such office.*
13 *If the commissioner of insurance elected at the immediately preceding*
14 *election for such office was not registered with any political party, then*
15 *any suitable person who is a resident of this state may be appointed*
16 *pursuant to sections 2 through 6, and amendments thereto.*

17 **New Sec. 9.** The provisions of sections 1 through 6, and amendments
18 thereto, and K.S.A. 25-101b and 40-106, as amended by this act, are
19 severable. If any portion of such provisions is declared unconstitutional or
20 invalid, or the application of any portion of such provisions to any person
21 or circumstance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity shall not
22 affect other portions of such provisions that can be given effect without the
23 invalid portion or application, and the applicability of such other portions
24 of such provisions to any person or circumstance shall remain valid and
25 enforceable.

26 **Sec. 9. 10.** K.S.A. 25-101b, 25-318 and 40-106 are hereby repealed.

27 **Sec. 10. 11.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
28 its publication in the Kansas register.