

HOUSE BILL No. 2333

By Committee on Insurance

Requested by Eric Turek on behalf of the Kansas Insurance Department

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AN ACT concerning insurance; renaming the Kansas insurance department as the Kansas department of insurance; renaming the office of the securities commissioner of Kansas as the department of insurance, securities division; renaming the securities commissioner as the department of insurance assistant commissioner, securities division; eliminating the requirement that the senate confirm the department of insurance assistant commissioner, securities division appointee; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-102 and 75-6301 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 75-6302, 75-6303, 75-6304, 75-6305, 75-6306 and 75-6307.

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

New Section 1. (a) The Kansas insurance department, as established by K.S.A. 42-102, and amendments thereto, is hereby renamed the Kansas department of insurance. All powers, duties and functions of the Kansas insurance department are hereby transferred and imposed upon the Kansas department of insurance.

(b) Whenever the Kansas insurance department, or words of like effect, are referred to or designated by a statute, contract or other document, and such reference or designation is in regard to any function, power or duty of the Kansas insurance department, such reference or designation shall be deemed to apply to the Kansas department of insurance.

(c) All rules and regulations, order and directives of the commissioner of insurance of the Kansas insurance department that are in effect on July 1, 2025, shall continue to be effective and shall be deemed to be rules and regulations, orders and directives of the commissioner of insurance of the Kansas department of insurance until amended, revoked or nullified pursuant to law.

New Sec. 2. (a) (1) The office of the securities commissioner of Kansas, as established by K.S.A. 75-6301, and amendments thereto, is hereby renamed the department of insurance, securities division. All powers, duties and functions of the office of the securities commissioner of Kansas are hereby transferred and imposed upon the department of insurance, securities division.

Proposed Amendment to HB 2333
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1 training and qualifications for such position, ~~shall~~ receive such
2 compensation as may be fixed by the commissioner of insurance and ~~shall~~
3 serve at the pleasure of the commissioner of insurance. ~~Except as provided~~
4 ~~by K.S.A. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no person appointed as~~
5 ~~securities commissioner shall exercise any power, duty or function as~~
6 ~~securities commissioner until confirmed by the senate.~~

7 (b) ~~The securities commissioner department of insurance assistant~~
8 ~~commissioner, securities division shall devote full time to the performance~~
9 ~~of the duties of the office of the securities commissioner department of~~
10 ~~insurance, securities division.~~

11 (c) ~~The securities commissioner department of insurance assistant~~
12 ~~commissioner, securities division may appoint directors and other~~
13 ~~employees within the office of the securities commissioner department of~~
14 ~~insurance, securities division as determined necessary by the securities~~
15 ~~commissioner department of insurance assistant commissioner, securities~~
16 ~~division to effectively carry out the mission of the office. All directors~~
17 ~~appointed after the effective date of this act shall be in the unclassified~~
18 ~~service under the Kansas civil service act, shall have special training and~~
19 ~~qualifications for such positions, shall serve at the pleasure of the~~
20 ~~securities commissioner department of insurance assistant commissioner,~~
21 ~~securities division and shall receive compensation fixed by the securities~~
22 ~~commissioner department of insurance assistant commissioner, securities~~
23 ~~division and approved by the commissioner of insurance.~~

24 (d) Nothing in subsection (c) shall affect the classified status of any
25 person employed in the office of the securities commissioner department
26 of insurance, securities division on the day immediately preceding the
27 effective date of this act. The provisions of this subsection shall not be
28 construed to limit the powers of the securities commissioner department of
29 insurance assistant commissioner, securities division pursuant to K.S.A.
30 75-2948, and amendments thereto.

31 (e) ~~The office of the securities commissioner of Kansas department~~
32 ~~of insurance, securities division shall cooperate with the department of~~
33 ~~insurance department to consolidate administrative functions and cross-~~
34 ~~appoint such employees as deemed necessary to provide efficiency. The~~
35 ~~commissioner of insurance and the securities commissioner department of~~
36 ~~insurance assistant commissioner, securities division are hereby authorized~~
37 ~~to enter into agreements and adopt rules and regulations as necessary to~~
38 ~~administer the provisions of this subsection.~~

39 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 75-6302, 75-6303, 75-6304, 75-6305, 75-6306 and 75-
40 6307 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 40-102 and 75-6301 are hereby repealed.

41 Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
42 publication in the statute book.