receiving information and materials which will aid in the drafting of the plan.

(c) For the purposes of performing its studies and investigations, the commission or its executive director may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, take evidence, require the production of any books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, agreements or other documents or records which the commission or executive director deems relevant or material to its studies and investigation.

(d) The commission shall prepare and adopt a preliminary plan addressing the consolidation of the city or cities and the county and other political and taxing subdivisions or the consolidation of certain city and county and other political and taxing subdivision offices, functions, services and operations it deems advisable.

The preliminary plan, if it recommends the consolidation of the county with one or more cities, shall address:—(1) the issue of the abolishment of other political and taxing subdivisions located entirely within the county and the transfer of the functions of the above political subdivisions to the reorganized city-county; and, (2) the issue of whether a vote of the electorate shall be required countywide or whether separate votes of the electorate will be required in the unincorporated area of the county and within each city proposed to be consolidated.

Copies of the preliminary plan shall be filed with the county election officer, city clerk of each city to be reorganized and each public library within the county and shall be available to members of the public for inspection upon request. The commission shall hold at least two public hearings to obtain citizen views concerning the preliminary plan. At least seven days shall elapse between the holding of the hearings. Notice of the hearings shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the county. Following the public hearings on the preliminary plan, the commission may adopt, or modify and adopt, the preliminary plan as the final plan.

(e) The final plan shall include the full text and an explanation of the proposed plan, and comments deemed desirable by the commission, a written opinion by an attorney admitted to practice law in the state of Kansas and retained by the executive director for such purpose that the proposed plan is not in conflict with the constitution or the laws of the state, and any minority reports.

Copies of the final plan shall be filed with the county election officer, city clerk of each city to be reorganized and each public library within the county and shall be available to members of the public for inspection upon request. The commission shall continue in existence at least 90 days following the submission of the final plan for approval at an election as

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