

Lynching Statute Repealed; HB 2672

HB 2672 repeals a statute that concerns lynchings and subsequent vacating and reinstating of a sheriff for failing to perform certain duties. KSA 19-825 had provided for a sheriff's office to be vacated when a person is taken from the custody of such sheriff or sheriff's deputy and is lynched. The statute had required the county clerk to be the immediate successor to the sheriff's duties until a successor is appointed. The procedures for the reinstatement of a sheriff and the findings required in an administrative hearing to allow for reinstatement had also been established by the statute.