

HOUSE BILL No. 2300

By Committee on Local Government

2-12

1 AN ACT concerning counties; authorizing term limits for members of the
2 board of county commissioners; amending K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 19-202
3 and repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 19-202 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 19-202. (a) The board of county commissioners of each county
8 shall consist of three, five or seven qualified electors.

9 (b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 19-204b, and
10 amendments thereto, one county commissioner shall reside in and
11 represent each commissioner district within the county. During the time
12 that any person is a candidate for nomination or election to office as a
13 member of the board of county commissioners and during the term of
14 office of the county commissioner, such candidate or county commissioner
15 shall be and remain a qualified elector who resides in such person's
16 district.

17 (c) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto,
18 terms of office for the board of county commissioners shall be staggered in
19 such a way that no more than a simple majority of commissioners is
20 elected at any general election.

21 (d) Except as provided by K.S.A. 19-203, and amendments thereto,
22 all county commissioners shall hold office for a term of four years from
23 the second Monday of January next after their election and until their
24 successors are qualified.

25 (e) *The board of county commissioners of Reno county, by resolution,*
26 *may establish term limits for members of the board of county*
27 *commissioners of not to exceed two consecutive four-year terms. The*
28 *resolution shall not take effect until it has been approved by a majority of*
29 *the qualified electors of Reno county voting thereon at the next general*
30 *election in which all the qualified electors of the county are entitled to*
31 *vote.*

32 *Upon the presentation of a petition to such board of county*
33 *commissioners, signed by electors equal in number to 5% of the qualified*
34 *electors of the county requesting that term limits of not to exceed two*
35 *consecutive four-year terms be established for members of the Reno*
36 *county board of county commissioners, the board of county commissioners*

1 *shall cause such proposition to be submitted to the voters of Reno county*
2 *at the next general election in which all of the qualified electors of the*
3 *county are entitled to vote. If a majority of the electors voting at such*
4 *election shall be in favor of establishing term limits, the Reno county*
5 *board of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution establishing such*
6 *term limits which shall become effective for all members of the board of*
7 *county commissioners elected after the effective date of such resolution.*

8 ~~(e)~~ (f) The provisions of subsections (a), (c) and (d) of this section
9 may be modified by the adoption of a charter for county government in
10 any county which has established a charter commission pursuant to law.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 19-202 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
13 publication in the statute book.