

HOUSE BILL No. 2466

By Committee on Judiciary

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1 AN ACT concerning administrative rules and regulations; relating to
2 service of order or notice; amending K.S.A. 77-502, 77-545, 77-546,
3 77-548 and 77-613 and K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-519, 77-521 and 77-531
4 and repealing the existing sections.
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 77-502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 77-
8 502. As used in this act:

9 (a) "State agency" means any officer, department, bureau, division,
10 board, authority, agency, commission or institution of this state, except the
11 judicial and legislative branches of state government and political
12 subdivisions of the state, which is authorized by law to administer, enforce
13 or interpret any law of this state.

14 (b) "Agency head" means an individual or body of individuals in
15 whom the ultimate legal authority of the state agency is vested by any
16 provision of law.

17 (c) "License" means a franchise, permit, certification, approval,
18 registration, charter or similar form of authorization required by law for a
19 person to engage in a profession or occupation.

20 (d) "Order" means a state agency action of particular applicability
21 that determines the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other
22 legal interest of one or more specific persons.

23 (e) "Party to state agency proceedings," or "party" in context so
24 indicating, means:

25 (1) A person to whom an order is specifically directed; or

26 (2) a person named as a party to a state agency proceeding or allowed
27 to intervene as a party in the proceeding.

28 (f) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
29 association, political subdivision or unit thereof or public or private
30 organization or entity of any character, and includes another state agency.

31 (g) "Political subdivision" means political or taxing subdivisions of
32 the state, including boards, commissions, authorities, councils,
33 committees, subcommittees and other subordinate groups or administrative
34 units thereof, receiving or expending and supported in whole or in part by
35 public funds.

36 (h) "*Writing*," "*written*" or "*in writing*" means any worded or

1 *numbered expression that can be read, reproduced and later*
2 *communicated, and includes electronically transmitted and stored*
3 *information.*

4 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-519 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows: 77-519. (a) The presiding officer, at appropriate stages of the
6 proceedings, shall give all parties full opportunity to file pleadings,
7 objections and motions, including, but not limited to, motions to dismiss
8 and motions for summary judgment.

9 (b) The presiding officer, at appropriate stages of the proceedings,
10 may give all parties full opportunity to file briefs, proposed findings of fact
11 and conclusions of law and proposed initial or final orders.

12 (c) A party shall serve copies of any filed item on all parties, by mail
13 or any other means, *including electronic means*, prescribed by state agency
14 rule and regulation or by the presiding officer.

15 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-521 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 77-521. (a) The presiding officer shall grant a petition for
17 intervention if:

18 (1) The petition is submitted in writing to the presiding officer, with
19 copies ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties named in the presiding officer's
20 notice of the hearing, at least three business days before the hearing;

21 (2) the petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal
22 rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be
23 substantially affected by the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as
24 an intervener under any provision of law; and

25 (3) the presiding officer determines that the interests of justice and
26 the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by
27 allowing the intervention.

28 (b) The presiding officer may grant a petition for intervention at any
29 time upon determining that the intervention sought is in the interests of
30 justice and will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the
31 proceedings.

32 (c) If a petitioner qualifies for intervention, the presiding officer may
33 impose conditions upon the intervener's participation in the proceedings,
34 either at the time that intervention is granted or at any subsequent time.
35 Conditions may include:

36 (1) Limiting the intervener's participation to designated issues in
37 which the intervener has a particular interest demonstrated by the petition;

38 (2) limiting the intervener's use of discovery, cross-examination and
39 other procedures so as to promote the orderly and prompt conduct of the
40 proceedings; and

41 (3) requiring two or more interveners to combine their presentations
42 of evidence and argument, cross-examination, discovery and other
43 participation in the proceedings.

1 (d) The presiding officer, at least one business day before the hearing,
2 shall issue an order granting or denying each pending petition for
3 intervention, specifying any conditions and briefly stating the reasons for
4 the order. The presiding officer may modify the order at any time, stating
5 the reasons for the modification. The presiding officer shall promptly give
6 notice of an order granting, denying or modifying intervention to the
7 petitioner for intervention and to all parties.

8 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-531 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 77-531. (a) Service of an order or notice shall be made upon the
10 party and the party's attorney of record, if any, by:

11 (1) Delivering a copy of the order or notice to the person to be served
12 ~~or by:~~

13 (2) mailing a copy of the order or notice to the person at the person's
14 last known address; *or*

15 (3) *sending a copy of the order or notice to the person by electronic*
16 *means, if such person has consented to service by electronic means.*

17 (b) Service shall be presumed if the presiding officer, or a person
18 directed to make service by the presiding officer, makes a written
19 certificate of service. Delivery of a copy of an order or notice means
20 handing the order or notice to the person or leaving the order or notice at
21 the person's principal place of business or residence with a person of
22 suitable age and discretion who works or resides therein. Service by mail
23 is complete upon mailing. *Service by electronic means is complete upon*
24 *transmission or as otherwise specified in the consent. Any consent to*
25 *electronic service shall specify when such service is complete.* Whenever a
26 party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings
27 within a prescribed period after service of a notice or order and the notice
28 or order is served by mail *or electronic means*, three days shall be added to
29 the prescribed period.

30 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 77-545 is hereby amended to read as follows: 77-545.

31 (a) This section applies to adjudicative proceedings before the state
32 corporation commission.

33 (b) (1) After the commission has determined and announced that a
34 hearing should be held, and prior to the issuance of a final order, no parties
35 to the proceeding, or their counsel, shall discuss the merits of the matter or
36 proceeding with the presiding officer unless reasonable notice is given to
37 all parties who have appeared to enable the parties to be present at the
38 conference.

39 (2) After the commission has determined and announced that a
40 hearing should be held, prior to the issuance of a final order, copies of any
41 written communications from any party regarding the proceeding that are
42 directed to the presiding officer shall be ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties
43 of record and proof of service shall be furnished to the commission.

1 Communications requested by members of the commission staff from any
2 party and any written communications received by members of the
3 commission staff from any party shall be made a part of the file and the
4 docket and shall be made available to all persons who desire to use them,
5 provided that all commission requests for information from a party shall be
6 ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties of record.

7 (3) The person or persons to whom any ex parte communication has
8 been made shall promptly and fully inform the full commission of the
9 substance of the communication, and the circumstances thereof, to enable
10 the commission to take appropriate action.

11 (c) For purposes of this section, no member of the technical staff shall
12 be considered a party to any proceeding before the commission, regardless
13 of participation in staff investigations with respect to the proceeding or of
14 participation in the proceeding as a witness. Since the purpose of the staff
15 is to aid the commission in the proper discharge of commission duties, the
16 presiding officers shall be free at all times to confer with any staff member
17 with respect to any proceeding. However, no facts that are outside the
18 record, and that reasonably could be expected to influence the decision in
19 any matter pending before the commission, shall be furnished to any
20 presiding officer unless all parties to the proceeding are likewise informed
21 and afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond. Subsection (b) shall
22 apply to staff counsel in regard to any adjudicatory proceeding before the
23 commission.

24 (d) All letters and written communications that are received by the
25 presiding officer from members of the general public, and that are in the
26 nature of ex parte communications, shall be made a part of the file in the
27 docket and shall be made available to all persons who desire to see them.
28 The deposit of such written communications and letters in the file shall not
29 make them a part of the official record of the case.

30 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 77-546 is hereby amended to read as follows: 77-546.

31 (a) This section applies to adjudicative proceedings before the
32 commissioner of insurance concerning any rate, or any rule, regulation or
33 practice pertaining to the rates over which the commissioner has
34 jurisdiction and adjudicative proceedings held pursuant to the Kansas
35 insurance holding companies act.

36 (b) (1) After the commissioner has determined and announced that a
37 hearing should be held, and prior to the issuance of a final order, no parties
38 to the proceeding, or their counsel, shall discuss the merits of the matter or
39 proceeding with the presiding officer unless reasonable notice is given to
40 all parties who have appeared to enable the parties to be present at the
41 conference.

42 (2) After the commissioner has determined and announced that a
43 hearing should be held, prior to the issuance of a final order, copies of any

1 written communications from any party regarding the proceeding that are
2 directed to the presiding officer shall be ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties
3 of record and proof of service shall be furnished to the commissioner.
4 Communications requested by the commissioner's staff from any party and
5 any written communication received by the commissioner's staff from any
6 party shall be made a part of the file and the docket and shall be made
7 available to all persons who desire to use them, provided that the
8 commissioner's requests for information from a party shall be mailed to all
9 parties of record.

10 (3) The person or persons to whom any *ex parte* communication has
11 been made shall promptly and fully inform the commissioner of the
12 substance of the communication, and the circumstances thereof, to enable
13 the commissioner to take appropriate action.

14 (c) For purposes of this section, no member of the commissioner's
15 technical staff shall be considered a party to any proceeding before the
16 commissioner, regardless of participation in staff investigations with
17 respect to the proceeding or of participation in the proceeding as a witness.
18 Since the purpose of the staff is to aid the commissioner in the proper
19 discharge of the commissioner's duties, the presiding officer shall be free
20 at all times to confer with any staff member with respect to any
21 proceeding. However, no facts that are outside the record, and that
22 reasonably could be expected to influence the decision in any matter
23 pending before the commissioner, shall be furnished to any presiding
24 officer unless all parties to the proceeding are likewise informed and
25 afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond. Subsection (b) shall apply to
26 staff counsel who have participated in the proceeding in regard to any
27 adjudicatory proceeding before the commissioner.

28 (d) All letters and written communications that are received by the
29 presiding officer from members of the general public, and that are in the
30 nature of *ex parte* communications, shall be made a part of the file in the
31 docket and shall be made available to all persons who desire to see them.
32 The deposit of such written communications and letters in the file shall not
33 make them a part of the official record of the case.

34 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 77-548 is hereby amended to read as follows: 77-548.

35 (a) This section applies to adjudicative proceedings before the director of
36 taxation. Informal conferences held pursuant to K.S.A. 79-3226, and
37 amendments thereto, shall not be deemed to be adjudicative proceedings
38 for the purposes of this act.

39 (b) (1) After the director has determined and announced that a
40 hearing should be held, and prior to the issuance of a final order, no parties
41 to the proceeding, or their counsel, shall discuss the merits of the matter or
42 proceeding with the presiding officer unless reasonable notice is given to
43 all parties who have appeared to enable the parties to be present at the

1 conference.

2 (2) After the director has determined and announced that a hearing
3 should be held, prior to the issuance of a final order, copies of any written
4 communications from any party regarding the proceeding that are directed
5 to the presiding officer shall be ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties of record
6 and proof of service shall be furnished to the director. Communications
7 requested by the director's staff from any party and any written
8 communication received by the director's staff from any party shall be
9 made a part of the file and the docket and shall be made available to all
10 persons who desire to use them, provided that the director's requests for
11 information from a party shall be ~~mailed to~~ *served upon* all parties of
12 record.

13 (3) The person or persons to whom any ex parte communication has
14 been made shall promptly and fully inform the director of the substance of
15 the communication, and the circumstances thereof, to enable the director
16 of any division within the department to take appropriate action.

17 (c) For purposes of this section, no member of the director's technical
18 staff shall be considered a party to any proceeding before the director,
19 regardless of participation in staff investigations with respect to the
20 proceeding or of participation in the proceeding as a witness. Since the
21 purpose of the staff is to aid the director in the proper discharge of the
22 director's duties, the presiding officer shall be free at all times to confer
23 with any staff member with respect to any proceeding. However, no facts
24 that are outside the record, and that reasonably could be expected to
25 influence the decision in any matter pending before the director, shall be
26 furnished to any presiding officer unless all parties to the proceeding are
27 likewise informed and afforded a reasonable opportunity to respond.
28 Subsection (b) shall apply to staff counsel who have participated in the
29 proceeding in regard to any adjudicatory proceeding before the director.

30 (d) All letters and written communications that are received by the
31 presiding officer from members of the general public, and that are in the
32 nature of ex parte communications, shall be made a part of the file in the
33 docket and shall be made available to all persons who desire to see them.
34 The deposit of such written communications and letters in the file shall not
35 make them a part of the official record of the case.

36 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 77-613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 77-613.
37 Subject to other requirements of this act or of another statute:

38 (a) A petition for judicial review of a rule and regulation may be filed
39 at any time, except as otherwise provided by law.

40 (b) If reconsideration has not been requested and is not a prerequisite
41 for seeking judicial review, a petition for judicial review of a final order
42 shall be filed within 30 days after service of the order.

43 (c) Except as provided in K.S.A. 77-631, *and amendments thereto*, if

1 reconsideration has been requested or is a prerequisite for seeking judicial
2 review, a petition for judicial review of a final order shall be filed: (1)
3 Within 30 days after service of the order rendered upon reconsideration,
4 unless a further petition for reconsideration is required under K.S.A. 66-
5 118b, and amendments thereto; (2) within 30 days after service of an order
6 denying the request for reconsideration; or (3) in proceedings before the
7 Kansas corporation commission, within 30 days of the date the request for
8 reconsideration is deemed to have been denied.

9 (d) A petition for judicial review of agency action other than a rule
10 and regulation or final order shall be filed within 30 days after the agency
11 action, but the time is extended:

12 (1) During the pendency of the petitioner's timely attempts to exhaust
13 administrative remedies; and

14 (2) during any period that the petitioner did not know and was under
15 no duty to discover, or did not know and was under a duty to discover but
16 could not reasonably have discovered, that the agency had taken the action
17 or that the agency action had a sufficient effect to confer standing upon the
18 petitioner to obtain judicial review under this act.

19 (e) Service of an order, pleading or other matter shall be made upon
20 the parties to the agency proceeding and their attorneys of record, if any,
21 by:

22 (1) Delivering a copy of it to them ~~or by~~;

23 (2) mailing a copy of it to them at their last known addresses; *or*

24 (3) *sending a copy of it to them by electronic means when authorized*
25 *by supreme court rule or a local rule.*

26 Delivery of a copy of an order, pleading or other matter means handing
27 it to the person being served or leaving it at that person's principal place of
28 business or residence with a person of suitable age and discretion who
29 works or resides therein. Service shall be presumed if the presiding officer,
30 or a person directed to make service by the presiding officer, makes a
31 written certificate of service. Service by mail is complete upon mailing.
32 Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some
33 proceedings within a prescribed period after service of an order, pleading
34 or other matter and it is served by mail *or electronic means*, three days
35 shall be added to the prescribed period. Unless reconsideration is a
36 prerequisite for seeking judicial review, a final order shall state the agency
37 officer to receive service of a petition for judicial review on behalf of the
38 agency.

39 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 77-502, 77-545, 77-546, 77-548 and 77-613 and
40 K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 77-519, 77-521 and 77-531 are hereby repealed.

41 Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
42 publication in the statute book.