

Kansas Electric Transmission Authority; HB 2488

HB 2488 amends the purpose, membership, and authority of the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA).

The bill extends the purpose of KETA to include further ensuring planning of the transmission system, facilitating the delivery and utilization of energy in Kansas, and addressing related policy initiatives. The membership of KETA is increased from seven members to nine members. The members appointed by the Governor are increased from three members to five members, of whom not more than three members are allowed to be from the same political party.

The bill also gives KETA the express authority to create an electric transmission advisory council. The council members will serve at the pleasure of KETA and will be reviewed annually.

In addition, the bill repeals law authorizing KETA to incur or assume indebtedness and enter into contracts with the Kansas Development Finance Authority to issue bonds and provide financing for a KETA transmission project.