

## **Revisions to Kansas Civil Service Act; HB 2391**

**HB 2391** revises the Kansas Civil Service Act. To the existing list of unclassified positions specified in the Act, the bill adds persons in newly hired positions, including any employee who is rehired into a position and any current employee who voluntarily transfers, or is voluntarily promoted or demoted, into an unclassified position.

The following state agencies (including divisions or programs specified by the bill) may convert vacant classified positions into unclassified positions: the Board of Indigents' Defense Services; Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism; Department of Labor (Workers Compensation Division); Adjutant General (Division of Emergency Management); Kansas Department of Health and Environment; Real Estate Appraisal Board; Board of Healing Arts; Emergency Medical Services Board; Kansas Commission on Veterans Affairs Office (Veterans Claims Assistance Program); Kansas Department of Agriculture (Division of Water Resources and State Entomological Commission); State Corporation Commission; Board of Nursing; State Board of Mortuary Arts; Board of Barbering; Board of Tax Appeals; State Board of Cosmetology; Kansas Sports Hall of Fame; Department of Commerce (Creative Arts Industries Commission); Commission on Disability Concerns; Kansas Department for Children and Families (State Economic Opportunity Office and Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention); State Board of Technical Professions; Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board; State Lottery; Racing and Gaming Commission; Department of Administration (Architectural Services and Long-term Care Ombudsman); State Library; State Historical Society; Pooled Money Investment Board; Department of Transportation; Department of Revenue; Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services (Mental Health and Developmental Disability Institutions); Department of Corrections (Juvenile Corrections); Kansas State School for the Deaf; and the Kansas State School for the Blind.

If federal law requires a state agency to maintain personnel standards on a merit basis and that agency has converted classified positions to unclassified positions, the state agency must adopt a binding statement of agency policy to meet the federal requirements. Civil Service Examination Monitors will be re-categorized as classified positions.