

SENATE BILL No. 571

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to the organization thereof;
2 providing for the appointment of members of standing, special and
3 select committees; establishing a standing committee on organization
4 of the senate and a standing committee on organization of the house of
5 representatives therefor.
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7 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

8 Section 1. (a) Commencing with the 2023 regular session of the
9 legislature, the committee on organization is hereby established as a
10 standing committee of the senate. The committee on organization shall
11 have six voting members. Such members shall be the six most senior
12 members in continuous terms of service of the majority party of the senate,
13 excluding the president, vice president and majority leader. The most
14 senior member of the committee in continuous terms of service of the
15 majority party of the senate shall be the chairperson. The president, vice
16 president and majority leader shall be advisory members of the committee
17 on organization. The committee on organization shall appoint the members
18 of all standing committees of the senate, shall appoint the chairperson and
19 vice chairperson or vice chairpersons of each committee and shall
20 designate the ranking minority member of each committee. The minority
21 leader shall submit recommendations to the committee on organization for
22 the appointment of minority members to the standing committees of the
23 senate. The committee on organization may close meetings of the
24 committee. The committee on organization shall appoint the members of
25 all special and select committees of the senate and the chairperson and
26 vice chairperson thereof.

27 (b) Commencing with the 2023 regular session of the legislature, the
28 committee on organization is hereby established as a standing committee
29 of the house of representatives. The committee on organization shall have
30 12 voting members. Such members shall be the 12 most senior members in
31 continuous terms of service of the majority party of the house of
32 representatives, excluding the speaker, speaker pro tem and majority
33 leader. The most senior member of the committee in continuous terms of
34 service of the majority party of the house of representatives shall be the
35 chairperson. The speaker, speaker pro tem and majority leader shall be
36 advisory members of the committee on organization. The committee on

1 organization shall appoint the members of all standing committees of the
2 house of representatives, shall appoint the chairperson and vice
3 chairperson or vice chairpersons of each committee and shall designate the
4 ranking minority member of each committee. The minority leader shall
5 submit recommendations to the committee on organization for the
6 appointment of minority members to the standing committees of the house
7 of representatives. The committee on organization may close meetings of
8 the committee. The committee on organization shall appoint the members
9 of all special and select committees of the house of representatives and the
10 chairperson and vice chairperson thereof.

11 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
12 publication in the statute book.