Junior Officers' Quarters Transfer to the State Historical Society; HB 2781

HB 2781 authorizes the Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) to acquire from the Kansas Office of Veterans Services (KOVS) the Junior Officers' Quarters on Fort Dodge, and designates the Junior Officers' Quarters as a historical landmark.

Acquisition of the Junior Officers' Quarters

The bill authorizes the KSHS to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, or donation from the KOVS the Junior Officers' Quarters located on Fort Dodge in Ford County. Prior to the KSHS accepting the property, the Attorney General is required to approve the deed for the property and to determine that the land transfer conveys a fee simple interest in the property to the State, as the property will be acquired in the name of the State of Kansas.

State Historical Landmark

The bill declares that the Junior Officers' Quarters possesses a historical interest to the State. Upon acquisition of the property, the KSHS is required to establish and maintain the building and land as a historical landmark. The KSHS is authorized to adopt rules and regulations relating to the use, preservation, improvement, control, and maintenance of the Junior Officers' Quarters.