Proposed Committee Amendment
House Committee on Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
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Prepared by Office of Revisor of Statutes

This amendment makes the representative from the professional team on the authority a non voting member and adds a voting representative of the Johnson County Board of Commissioners.

This proposed amendment has not been proofed and is subject to nonsubstantive edits.

Session of 2026

HOUSE BILL No. 2793

By Committee on Appropriations

Requested by Representative Tarwater

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AN ACT enacting the Kansas sports facilities authority act to establish a sports authority to provide for the construction, financing and management of certain sports facilities and sports facility infrastructure and create venues for professional sports and other events.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. (a) Sections 1 through 8, and amendment thereto, shall be known and may be cited as the Kansas sports facilities authority act.

(b) The purpose of the act is to provide for the construction, financing, management and long-term use of sports facilities and sports facility infrastructure as venues for professional sports and a broad range of other civic, community, athletic, educational, cultural and commercial activities. The legislature finds that the expenditure of public money for this purpose is necessary, serves a public purpose and promotes the general welfare, and that property acquired by the Kansas sports facilities authority for the construction of sports facilities and sports facilities infrastructure is acquired for a public use and serves a public purpose. The legislature further finds that any provision in a lease or use agreement with a professional sports team that requires such team to play substantially all of its home games in a publicly funded sports facility for the duration of the lease or use agreement serves a unique public purpose for which enforcement is essential through the remedies of specific performance and injunctive relief.

Sec. 2. As used in this act:

(a) "Act" means the Kansas sports facilities authority act.

(b) "Authority" means the Kansas sports facilities authority established under section 3, and amendments thereto.

(c) "Professional sports" means the national football league.

(d) "Professional sports team" means an organization that is a franchised member of the national football league engaged in the business of professional American football.

(e) "Sports facility" means, as designed, constructed, financed or managed pursuant to this act, a stadium, arena, field or other similar structure, including a practice facility for a professional sports team or a professional sports team headquarters building, and any enclosed or open-

(3) one member appointed by the senate majority leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the senate majority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

(4) one member appointed by the senate minority leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the senate minority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

(5) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

(6) one member appointed by the house of representatives majority leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the house of representatives majority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

(7) one member appointed by the house of representatives minority leader who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the house of representatives minority leader shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office;

(8) the secretary of commerce or acting secretary of commerce who shall serve at the pleasure of the governor; ~~and~~

(9) a representative of the professional sports team that plays its games in the sports facility owned by the authority appointed by the professional sports team who shall serve until December 31 of the fourth year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the professional sports team shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member appointed by the professional sports team shall serve until a successor is appointed and takes office~~.~~

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(10) one member appointed by the chairperson of the Johnson county board of commissioners who shall serve until December 31 of the third year following appointment. Thereafter, each member appointed by the chairperson of the Johnson county board of commissioners shall serve a four-year term, beginning on January 1. Each such member appointed by the chairperson of the Johnson county board of commissioners shall serve until a sucessor is appointed and takes office.

(c) The initial members of the authority shall be appointed not later than August 31, 2026.

(d) (1) The mayor of any city in which a sports facility of the authority is located shall be entitled to nonvoting, ex officio membership in the authority if:

(A) Such city passes an ordinance electing to participate in a STAR