

HOUSE BILL No. 2711

By Committee on Education

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9 AN ACT concerning the appointment of the commissioner of education;
10 amending K.S.A. 72-7601 and repealing the existing section.

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

13 Section 1. K.S.A. 72-7601 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
14 7601. (a) The state board shall appoint a commissioner of education as is
15 provided by section 4 of article 6 of the constitution. The commissioner
16 shall serve at the pleasure of the state board and perform such duties as
17 are prescribed by law or by the state board.

18 (b) *No person shall be appointed as commissioner of education unless*
19 *such person holds a current license as a teacher or as a school adminis-*
20 *trator or has significant training or experience in the field of education*
21 *or school administration.*

22 (c) The state board may appoint a person to be the acting commis-
23 sioner of education in any interim in which the office of commissioner of
24 education is vacant, and such appointment may be made conditional upon
25 any future vacancy occurring. Any appointment made under this subsec-
26 tion ~~(b)~~ shall be subject to review and change by the state board at its
27 first meeting after any such vacancy occurs. *A person may not serve as*
28 *an acting commissioner of education for a period of time exceeding 12*
29 *months. An acting commissioner of education shall not be required to*
30 *meet the qualifications of subsection (b).*

31 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 72-7601 is hereby repealed.

32 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
33 publication in the statute book.