

SENATE BILL No. 396

By Committee on Local Government, Transparency and Ethics

1-27

1 AN ACT concerning cemeteries; authorizing the reorganization of the
2 Clearwater cemetery district; removing Ohio township from the district.

3
4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. (a) The board of trustees of the Clearwater cemetery
6 district located in Sedgwick county is authorized to reorganize such
7 cemetery district by adoption of a resolution of reorganization to remove
8 Ohio township from the district. Such resolution shall be adopted by a
9 majority vote of the trustees.

10 (b) The reorganized cemetery district shall have three members as
11 follows: The member from the city of Clearwater shall be the mayor, the
12 member from Ninnescah township shall be the township trustee and one
13 member shall be elected at-large. The resolution shall provide for the
14 election of ~~an~~ **the** at-large member of the board of trustees **by the board of**
15 **trustees at the next meeting of such board following the adoption of the**
16 **resolution.** The at-large member ~~may~~ **shall** reside in either the city of
17 Clearwater or Ninnescah township and shall represent the entire district.
18 The at-large member shall stand for election by voters of the district
19 ~~beginning~~ **on a nonpartisan basis** at the 2026 general election and every
20 four years thereafter. Ohio township and the reorganized Clearwater
21 cemetery district may enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement
22 regarding the future care of cemeteries and the sharing of existing tax
23 funds.

24 (c) A copy of the reorganization resolution shall be mailed to the
25 Sedgwick county clerk. The reorganization of the cemetery district shall be
26 deemed effective on January 1, 2026.

27 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
28 publication in the Kansas register.