

2023 Kansas Statutes

75-104. Governor's records; maintenance, review, audit and disposition. (a) The governor shall keep and maintain a full and complete record of the following applications or petitions made to the governor:

- (1) Applications or petitions for executive pardon, commutation of sentence or clemency;
- (2) applications or petitions for the appointment of a named individual to public office when a vacancy occurs and when the governor is restricted to the appointment of nominees so submitted;
- (3) applications or petitions for the appointment of a person from a list of persons submitted by an association, agency or committee where the governor is limited to make an appointment only from that list;
- (4) applications for the approval of grants where the governor's approval is a condition precedent to the making of such grants either by a state agency or by the federal government;
- (5) applications or petitions for declarations of emergency;
- (6) petitions for the calling of a special session of the legislature pursuant to section 5 of article 1 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; and
- (7) applications or petitions directed to the governor and requesting that the governor take action in accordance with subsection (c) of K.S.A. 75-3711 and amendments thereto and exercise a function otherwise specified by statute for the state finance council.

(b) The record required to be kept under subsection (a) and all records of the financial affairs and transactions regarding the receipt and expenditure of state moneys shall remain on file in the office of each governor during the governor's term of office and for a period of three years following the expiration of such term.

(c) Following the three-year period prescribed in subsection (b), all records kept and maintained pursuant to subsection (a) shall be transferred to the custody of the state historical society and the records of the financial affairs and transactions kept and maintained pursuant to subsection (b) shall be kept in the office of the governor, subject to disposal as may be authorized by the state records board.

(d) Records, correspondence and other papers of the governor which are not required to be kept and maintained under subsections (a) or (b) shall not be subject to review or audit by the legislative post auditor under the legislative post audit act.

(e) Upon completion of the term of office as governor, all records, correspondence and other papers of the former governor not required to be kept and maintained under subsections (a) or (b) which relate to the former governor's public duties while governor shall be transferred to the custody of the state historical society. During the lifetime of the former governor, no person shall have access to any such records, correspondence or other papers which are not required to be disclosed under K.S.A. 45-221 and amendments thereto, except upon consent of the former governor, and the former governor shall be considered the official custodian of such records, correspondence and other papers which are not required to be disclosed.

(f) Upon the death of a governor while in office, all records, correspondence and other papers of such deceased governor not required to be kept and maintained under subsections (a) or (b) which relate to such governor's duties while governor shall be transferred to the custody of the state historical society.

(g) A person elected or succeeding to the office of governor shall be governed by the provisions of this section as it existed at the time such person was elected or succeeded to such office.

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