

**SENATE BILL No. 189**

By Committee on Commerce

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1 AN ACT concerning the Kansas bioscience authority; pertaining to the  
2 number of voting members; amending K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-99b04  
3 and repealing the existing section.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-99b04 is hereby amended to read  
7 as follows: 74-99b04. (a) There is hereby established a body politic and  
8 corporate, with corporate succession, to be known as the Kansas  
9 bioscience authority. The authority shall be an independent  
10 instrumentality of the state. Its exercise of the rights, powers and  
11 privileges conferred by this act shall be deemed and held to be the  
12 performance of an essential governmental function.

13 (b) In order to accelerate any and all synergy and opportunities for  
14 the growth of the authority, the authority shall be headquartered and  
15 establish its principal operation in the county in the state with the highest  
16 number of bioscience employees associated with bioscience companies as  
17 of the effective date of this act. The exact location of the authority's  
18 headquarters and principal operations in such county shall be at the  
19 discretion of the authority's board.

20 (c) The authority shall be governed by an ~~eleven-member~~ *fourteen-*  
21 *member* board. One member of the board shall be an agricultural expert  
22 who is recognized for outstanding knowledge and leadership in the field  
23 of bioscience. Eight of the members of the board shall be representatives  
24 of the general public who are recognized for outstanding knowledge and  
25 leadership in the fields of finance, business, bioscience research, plant  
26 biotechnology, basic research, health care, legal affairs, bioscience  
27 manufacturing or product commercialization, education or government,  
28 *the chancellor of the university of Kansas, the president of Kansas state*  
29 *university and the president of Wichita state university or their respective*  
30 *designees shall be voting members. Of the ~~nine~~ 12 voting members,*  
31 *five* ~~eight~~ must be residents of the state. The other two members of the  
32 board shall be nonvoting members with research expertise representing  
33 state universities and shall be appointed by the Kansas board of regents.  
34 Nonvoting members shall serve at the pleasure of the board of regents.

35 (d) Of the nine voting members who will be appointed to the  
36 authority's first board, two shall be appointed by the governor for a term

1 of office of four years, two shall be appointed by the speaker of the house  
2 of representatives, one of which shall be the agricultural expert as  
3 authorized in subsection (c), for a term of office of three years, two shall  
4 be appointed by the president of the senate for a term of office of three  
5 years, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of  
6 representatives for a term of office of two years, one shall be appointed  
7 by the minority leader of the senate for a term of office of two years, and  
8 one shall be appointed by the Kansas technology enterprise corporation  
9 for a term of office of one year. Members of the first board shall be  
10 appointed by August 1, 2004. No more than three voting members shall  
11 be appointed from any one congressional district. All voting members of  
12 the board shall be subject to senate confirmation as provided in K.S.A.  
13 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Any member of the board whose  
14 nomination is subject to confirmation during a regular session of the  
15 legislature shall be deemed terminated when the senate rejects the  
16 nomination. No such termination shall affect the validity of any action  
17 taken by such member of the board before such termination.

18 (e) Terms of voting members appointed pursuant to this section shall  
19 expire on March 15.

20 (f) After the expiration of the terms of the authority's first board, or  
21 whenever a vacancy occurs or is announced regarding a voting member  
22 or members of the board, such voting member or members shall be  
23 appointed as described in subsections (c) and (d), except that such  
24 members shall be appointed for terms of four years each. In the event of a  
25 vacancy the appointment shall be for the remainder of the unexpired  
26 portion of the term. Each member of the board shall hold office for the  
27 term of appointment and until a successor has been confirmed. Any  
28 member of the board is eligible for reappointment, but members of the  
29 board shall not be eligible to serve more than three consecutive four-year  
30 terms.

31 (g) Except for appointments of nonvoting members, each  
32 appointment shall be forwarded to the senate for confirmation as  
33 provided in K.S.A. 75-4315b, and amendments thereto. Except as  
34 provided by K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 46-2601, and amendments thereto, no  
35 person appointed to the board shall exercise any power, duty or function  
36 as a member of the board until confirmed by the senate. In case of a  
37 vacancy when the senate is not in session, the appointing entity may  
38 make a temporary appointment to the board until the next meeting of the  
39 senate. Any person who is temporarily appointed by the appointing entity  
40 to the board shall have all of the powers, duties and functions as a  
41 member of the board during such temporary appointment.

42 (h) The board annually shall elect a voting member as chairperson  
43 and at least one other as vice-chairperson. The board also shall elect a

1 secretary and treasurer for terms to be determined by the board. The  
2 board may elect the same person to serve as both secretary and treasurer.  
3 The board shall establish an executive committee, nominating committee  
4 and other standing or special committees, and prescribe their duties and  
5 powers. Any executive committee of the board may exercise all such  
6 powers and duties of the board as the board may delegate.

7 (i) Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses  
8 as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto. Members of the  
9 board attending board meetings or subcommittee meetings authorized by  
10 the board, shall be paid mileage and all other applicable expenses,  
11 provided such expenses are consistent with policies established from  
12 time-to-time by the board and as required by subsection ~~(k)~~(j).

13 (j) No part of the funds of the authority shall inure to the benefit of,  
14 or be distributed to, its employees, officers or members of the board,  
15 except that the authority may make reasonable payments for expenses  
16 incurred on its behalf relating to any of its lawful purposes and the  
17 authority shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable  
18 compensation for services rendered to or for its benefit relating to any of  
19 its lawful purposes, including to pay its employees reasonable  
20 compensation.

21 (k) Any member of the board other than a nonvoting member may  
22 be removed by an affirmative vote by six members of the board for  
23 malfeasance or misfeasance in office, regularly failing to attend meetings,  
24 or for any cause which renders the member incapable of or unfit to  
25 discharge the duties of director.

26 (l) The board shall meet at least four times per year and at such other  
27 times as it deems appropriate, or upon call by the president or the  
28 chairperson, or upon written request of a majority of the directors of the  
29 board. The board may adopt, repeal and amend such rules, procedures  
30 and bylaws, not contrary to law or inconsistent with this act, as it deems  
31 expedient for its own governance and for the governance and  
32 management of the authority. A majority of the total voting membership  
33 of the board shall constitute a quorum for meetings. The board may act by  
34 a majority of those at any meeting where a quorum is present, except  
35 upon such issues as the board may determine shall require a vote of six  
36 members of the board for approval. The board shall meet for the initial  
37 meeting upon call by the member of the board appointed by the Kansas  
38 technology enterprise corporation, who shall act as temporary chairperson  
39 until officers of the board are elected pursuant to subsection ~~(i)~~(h).

40 (m) The board shall appoint a president who shall serve at the  
41 pleasure of the board. The president shall serve as the chief executive  
42 officer of the authority. The president's salary shall be set by the board.  
43 The board may negotiate and enter into an employment agreement with

1 the individual selected as president of the authority, which may provide  
2 for compensation allowances, benefits and expenses as may be included  
3 in such agreement. The president shall direct and supervise administrative  
4 affairs and the general management of the authority.

5 (n) The board may provide supplemental benefits to the president  
6 and other authority employees designated by the board in addition to the  
7 benefits provided under this act.

8 (o) The authority shall continue until terminated by law, except that  
9 no such law shall take effect so long as the authority has debts or  
10 obligations outstanding, unless adequate provision has been made for the  
11 payment or retirement of such debts or obligations. Upon any such  
12 dissolution of the authority, all property, funds and assets thereof shall be  
13 vested in the state, bioscience research institutions or both as designated  
14 by the board, or any other public institute or private enterprise engaged in  
15 the business of bioscience, or any combination thereof, as designated by  
16 the board and approved by act of the legislature.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 74-99b04 is hereby repealed.

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

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