

SENATE BILL No. 264

By Committee on Assessment and Taxation

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1 AN ACT concerning property taxation; relating to county appraisers;
2 removal from list of persons eligible to be appointed to office of
3 appraiser; notification when person no longer holds office of appraiser;
4 amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 19-432 and repealing the existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 19-432 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 19-432. (a) The director of property valuation shall maintain a
9 current list of persons eligible to be appointed to the office of appraiser.
10 Periodic issuance of this list shall constitute the official list of eligible
11 Kansas appraisers who are candidates for appointment. Inclusion on this
12 list shall be made dependent upon successful completion of a written
13 examination as adopted and administered by the director.

14 (b) The director of property valuation shall be required to conduct
15 training courses annually for the purpose of training appraisal candidates.
16 These courses shall be designed to prepare students to successfully
17 complete the written examinations required for eligible Kansas appraiser
18 status.

19 (c) Once certified, an eligible Kansas appraiser may retain that status
20 only through successful completion of additional appraisal courses at
21 intervals as determined by the director of property valuation. The director
22 shall be required to conduct training courses annually for the purpose of
23 providing the additional curriculum required for retention of Kansas
24 appraiser status. The director may accept recognized appraisal courses as
25 an alternative to courses conducted by the director's office to fulfill this
26 requirement for the maintenance of eligible Kansas appraiser status.

27 (1) *After notice and an opportunity to be heard in accordance with*
28 *the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act*, the director of
29 property valuation may remove any person from the list of persons eligible
30 to be appointed to the office of appraiser for any of the following acts or
31 omissions:

32 (A) Failing to meet the minimum qualifications established by this
33 section;

34 (B) a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, or conviction of: (i) Any
35 crime involving moral turpitude; or (ii) any felony charge; ~~or~~

36 (C) entry of a final civil judgment against the person on grounds of

1 fraud, misrepresentation or deceit in the making of any appraisal of real or
2 personal property; or

3 *(D) termination of the person from the office of county or district*
4 *appraiser in one or more counties.*

5 (2) Any person removed from the list of persons eligible to be
6 appointed to the office of county appraiser under the provisions of this
7 section shall immediately forfeit the office of county or district appraiser.

8 (3) An appeal may be taken to the state board of tax appeals from any
9 final action of the director of property valuation under the provisions of
10 this section pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2438, and amendments thereto.

11 (4) The director of property valuation may relist a person as an
12 eligible county appraiser upon a showing of mitigating circumstances,
13 restitution or expungement.

14 *(d) The board of county commissioners or governing body of any*
15 *unified government of each county shall immediately notify the director of*
16 *property valuation when a person no longer holds the office of county*
17 *appraiser for such county. The notification shall be made on a form*
18 *provided by the director. If the person no longer holds the office of county*
19 *appraiser before the expiration of a four-year term or the person does not*
20 *complete a four-year term, then the notification shall include the reason*
21 *therefor, unless otherwise precluded by law. The director shall make a*
22 *notation on any eligibility list record of the person when the person no*
23 *longer holds the office of county appraiser before the expiration of a four-*
24 *year term or the person does not complete a four-year term.*

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 19-432 is hereby repealed.

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