Writing Regulation Histories

The parenthetical information found at the end of a regulation may not seem important, but it is an integral part of the regulation. There is a set style for the authorizing and implemented statutes and regulation history that must be followed to help readers and researchers understand what statutes the regulation is implementing, when the regulation was effective, and where to look for more information. When the style or punctuation is not implemented correctly, it can also impact reports that we print for the 5-year review report spreadsheets.

In our new regulation style, the history now starts on a new line after the regulation. It should be flush left.

History Examples

New

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-32,287; effective P-_____.)

Amended

(Authorized by K.S.A. 25-1131~~, as amended by 1995 SB 232, section 34,~~ and K.S.A. 25-1225; implementing K.S.A. 25-1120~~, as amended by 1995 SB 232, section 18,~~ and K.S.A. 25-1219; effective Feb. 21, 1994; amended, T-7-7-3-95, July 3, 1995; amended Aug. 25, 1995; amended P-_____.)

(Authorized by K.S.A. 25-3302; implementing K.S.A. 25-3302 and K.S.A. ~~2003~~2023 Supp. 25-3303; effective Jan. 1, 1972; amended Jan. 1, 1974; modified, L. 1978, ch. 451, May 1, 1978; amended Oct. 18, 1993; amended Oct. 1, 2004; amended P-_____.)

Revoked

(Authorized by K.S.A. 41-210, 41-211, K.S.A. 1974 Supp. 41-409; effective May 1, 1975; revoked P-_____.)

When Temporary and Permanent Regulations are run at the same time:

Temporary

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 2023 Supp. 25-3009 and K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 2023 Supp. 25-2912; effective, T-7-6-26-19, June 26, 2019; effective Sept. 27, 2019; amended Oct. 13, 2023; amended, T-_____, _____.)

Permanent

(Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 2023 Supp. 25-3009 and K.S.A. ~~2022 Supp.~~ 2023 Supp. 25-2912; effective, T-7-6-26-19, June 26, 2019; effective Sept. 27, 2019; amended Oct. 13, 2023; amended, T-_____, _____; amended P-_____.)

Things to watch for:

- Permanent regulations should always have a P- before the blank line. This is removed in publication, but it helps us distinguish it from a temporary regulation during the approval process.
- Make sure there are semicolons between sections
- Make sure there are periods after K.S.A. and Supp.
- There may be other terms used in old histories, but now we only use the following: effective (for new regulations), amended, and revoked
- For authorizing and implemented statutes use the following terms: Authorized by, implementing, or Authorized by and implementing
- There should be a comma after effective, amended, or revoked if it is before a T-
- There is no comma after effective, amended, or revoked if it is before a P-
- New regulations going through the approval process as temporary and permanent at the same time should both use the term effective (the permanent regulation cannot amend a temporary regulation)
- Revoked regulations should mirror the previous history exactly with the addition of "; revoked P-_____"
- Authorizing and implemented statutes should point to the K.S.A. volume or supplement, Bill, or Session Law with the most current version of the law. (See the Progression of Statutory Citations Chart for more information.)
- Effective date months should be abbreviated as follows for consistency and to match the published version:
    - Jan.
    - Feb.
    - March, April, May, June, July (not abbreviated)
    - Aug.
    - Sept.
    - Oct.
    - Nov.
    - Dec.
- The added effective date on an amended regulation does not require underlining
    - Correct: (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2019~~2023 Supp. 32-807; effective Sept. 10, 1990; amended P-_____.)
    - Incorrect: (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. ~~2019~~2023 Supp. 32-807; effective Sept. 10, 1990; amended P-_____.)
- The Secretary of State will fill in the effective date with:
    - The date that is 15 days after publication in the Kansas Register, or
    - a later effective date written into the regulation