

HJR 107 -- SEPARATION OF CITIES FROM COUNTIES

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Upon voter approval, this constitutional amendment would initiate the separation of Kansas City from Jackson County.

The amendment establishes a "City-County Transition Committee" to facilitate the separation of the city and the county. The makeup of the committee is established in the amendment.

The Committee must establish a proposed plan, submit the plan to the governing bodies of the city and the county, and submit a progress report to the General Assembly every six months until the separation of the city from the county is complete.

Items that must be considered in the proposed plan to separate the city from the county are provided in the amendment.

After the proposed plan is established and presented to the governing bodies of the city and the county, the election authorities will submit the question of whether to adopt the proposed plan to voters of the city and county on the next available day for a municipal election.

If the plan is approved by a majority of voters, the governing bodies of the city and county must begin the process of implementing the proposed plan. If it is not approved by a majority of voters, the Committee will establish a new proposed plan before the end of the following calendar year. The same procedures for establishing the plan will apply.

If this constitutional amendment is rejected by voters it will be resubmitted at the general election or a special election held in 2036 and every ten years thereafter until it is approved.