

SENATE BILL No. 127

AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election procedures; amending K.S.A. 25-205, 25-302a, 25-303, 25-1122, 25-2304, 25-2309, 25-2316c, 25-2320, 25-3602, 25-4306, 25-4310 and 25-4320 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: (1) They shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, June 10, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act, except that in 1998, candidates for judge or district magistrate judge of the district court for positions created in 1998 in those judicial districts that have not approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of judges of the district court shall have filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, July 1, 1998, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:

I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of _____, and state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of _____ party, hereby nominate _____, who resides in the township of _____ (or at number _____ on _____ street, city of _____), in the county of _____ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here specify the office) _____, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in _____, as representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at such primary election.

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Name of Signers.	Street Number or Rural Route (as registered).	Name of City.	Date of Signing.
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All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form, written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless it is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

(c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or, otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or pasted together.

(d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit described in this paragraph of a ~~qualified elector who resides in such county and election district~~ *petition circulator who is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas* or of the candidate shall be appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon. ~~The person making such affidavit shall be duly registered to vote.~~

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination petitions shall be signed:

(1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office of United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the state as compiled by the office of the secretary of state;

(2) If for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office of district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such office is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

(3) If for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto; and

(4) If for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto.

(f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

(g) (1) In the year 1992, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after the effective date of this act and on or before May 10, 1992, for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas, and member of the state board of education, nomination petitions for nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

(2) In the year 1992, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, 1992, nomination petitions for nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the following:

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| (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress | 1,000 registered voters; |
| (B) for the office of member of the state board of education | 300 registered voters; |
| (C) for the office of state senator | 75 registered voters; and |
| (D) for the office of state representative | 25 registered voters. |

(h) (1) In the year 1992, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas, and member of the state board of education, on or before June 12, 1992, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be June 24, 1992.

(2) In the year 1992, if new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas, and member of the state board of education, on or after June 13, 1992, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be July 14, 1992.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-302a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-302a. Any political party seeking official recognition in this state after the effective date of this act shall file in its behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, June 1, prior to the primary election held on the first Tuesday of August

in even-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday petitions signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least 2% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the office of governor in the state in the last preceding general election. Such petitions shall declare support for the official recognition of a political party, the name of which shall be stated in the declaration. No political party seeking official recognition shall assume a name or designation which is similar, in the opinion of the secretary of state, to that of an existing party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

Petitions seeking official recognition of a political party shall be substantially in the following form:

PETITION SEEKING THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF
THE _____ PARTY IN THE STATE OF KANSAS

I, the undersigned, hereby declare my support for the official recognition of the _____ Party.

I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered elector of the state of Kansas and the County of _____, and my residence address is correctly written after my name.

NAME OF SIGNER ADDRESS AS REGISTERED CITY DATE OF SIGNING

Appended to each petition page or set of pages shall be an affidavit by the circulator of the petition affirming that such circulator is a ~~duly registered voter of the county in which the petition was circulated~~ *resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector in Kansas* and that the circulator personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon. The affidavit shall be executed before a person authorized to administer oaths and include the address of the circulator.

Each page of such petition shall bear the names of registered voters of a single county. All petitions shall be grouped according to the county in which each was circulated before being filed with the secretary of state. All such petitions shall be filed at one time. Any related petitions presented thereafter will be deemed to be separate and not a part of earlier filings. County election officers shall cooperate with the secretary of state in verifying the sufficiency of these petitions as required by law.

The secretary of state shall transmit such petitions to the county election officer of each county for which petitions were presented to be examined for sufficiency pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3601 *et seq.* and amendments thereto and applicable regulations. Not more than 20 days following receipt of such petitions from the secretary of state, the county election officer shall return these documents to the secretary of state certifying the number of sufficient signatures thereon. The secretary of state shall gather all petitions and determine whether a sufficient number of signatures was submitted. The secretary of state shall forthwith notify the person who submitted the declaration of intent to circulate such petitions of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the number of signatures.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-303 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-303.
(a) This section shall not apply to city and school elections, nor to election of other officers provided by law to be elected in April.

(b) All nominations other than party nominations shall be independent nominations. No person who has declared and retains a party affiliation in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3301 and amendments thereto shall be eligible to accept an independent nomination for any office.

Independent nominations of candidates for any office to be filled by the voters of the state at large may be made by nomination petitions signed by not less than 5,000 qualified voters for each candidate and in the case of governor and lieutenant governor for each pair of such candidates.

(c) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by the voters of a county, district or other division less than a state may be made by nomination petitions signed by voters equal in number to not less than 4% of the current total of qualified voters of such county, district

or other division as compiled by the office of the secretary of state in the case of state offices and as compiled in the office of the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2311, and amendments thereto, in the case of local offices, and in no case to be signed by less than 25 nor more than 5,000 qualified voters of such county, district or division, for each candidate.

(d) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by the voters of a township may be made by nomination papers signed by not less than 5% of the current total of qualified voters of such township, computed as above provided, for each candidate, and in no case to be signed by less than 10 such voters of such township for each candidate.

(e) The signatures to such nomination petitions need not all be appended to one paper, but each registered voter signing an independent certificate of nomination shall add to the signature such petitioner's place of residence and post office address. All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit of ~~a qualified elector who resides in such county and election district or of~~ the candidate *or a petition circulator who is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas* shall be appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the circulator, to the effect that such circulator personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon. ~~The person making such affidavit shall be duly registered to vote.~~

(f) No such nomination paper shall contain the name of a candidate for governor without in the same such paper containing the name of a candidate for lieutenant governor, and if it does it shall be void.

(g) No person shall join in nominating more than one person for the same office, and if this is done, the name of such petitioner shall not be counted on any certificate.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county election officer where such person is a resident, or where such person is authorized by law to vote as a former precinct resident, an application for an advance voting ballot. The signed application shall be transmitted only to the county election officer by personal delivery, mail, facsimile or as otherwise provided by law.

(b) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:

(1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August in even-numbered years, between April 1 of such year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

(2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November in even-numbered years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last business day of the week preceding such general election.

(3) For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

(4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such general election.

(5) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election of officers at such election.

(6) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice thereof and the last business day of the week preceding such question submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on a day other than a Tuesday, the county election officer shall determine

the final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be more than three business days before such election.

(7) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified by the secretary of state.

(8) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

The county election officer of any county may receive applications prior to the time specified in this subsection (b) and hold such applications until the beginning of the prescribed application period. Such applications shall be treated as filed on that date.

(c) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

In any county having a population exceeding 250,000, the county election officer may designate places other than the central county election office as satellite advance voting sites. At any satellite advance voting site, a registered voter may obtain an application for advance voting ballots, such ballots and instructions shall be delivered to the voter in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as otherwise provided by this subsection.

(d) Any person having a permanent physical disability or an illness which has been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to permanent advance voting status.

(e) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such applications, together with their correct post office address and the precinct, ward, township or voting area in which such persons claim to be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct residents and the present resident address of each applicant. Such names and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The county election officer upon receipt of such applications shall enter upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant, which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make such inspection shall provide to the county election officer identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by such officer stating such person's name and address and showing the date and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer shall be subject to public inspection, except that the identifying number on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such number shall not be made public.

(f) *If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in two consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, the county election*

officer may mail a notice to such voter. Such notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration list.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 25-2309 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2309. (a) Any person may apply in person, by mail, through a voter registration agency, or by other delivery to a county election officer to be registered. Such application shall be made on: (1) A form approved by the secretary of state, which shall be provided by a county election officer or chief state election official upon request in person, by telephone or in writing; or (2) the mail voter registration application prescribed by the federal election commission. Such application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury and shall contain the original signature of the applicant or the computerized, electronic or digitized transmitted signature of the applicant.

(b) Applications made under this section shall give voter eligibility requirements and such information as is necessary to identify the applicant and to determine the qualifications of the applicant as an elector and the facts authorizing such person to be registered, including, but not limited to, the following data:

- (1) Name;
- (2) place of residence, including specific address or location, and mailing address if the residence address is not a permissible postal address;
- (3) date of birth;
- (4) sex;
- (5) telephone number, if available;
- (6) naturalization data (if applicable);
- (7) if applicant has previously registered or voted elsewhere, residence at time of last registration or voting;
- (8) when present residence established;
- (9) name under which applicant last registered or voted, if different from present name;
- (10) an attestation that the applicant meets each eligibility requirement;
- (11) a statement that the penalty for submission of a false voter registration application is a maximum presumptive sentence of 17 months in prison;
- (12) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes;
- (13) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office to which a voter registration application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- (14) political party affiliation declaration, if any. An applicant's failure to make a declaration will result in the applicant being registered as an unaffiliated voter.

If the application discloses any previous registration in any other county or state, as indicated by paragraph (7) or (9), or otherwise, the county election officer shall upon the registration of the applicant, give notice to the election official of the place of former registration, notifying such official of applicant's present residence and registration, and authorizing cancellation of such former registration.

(c) Any person who applies for registration through a voter registration agency shall be provided with, in addition to the application under subsection (b), a form which includes:

- (1) The question "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?";

(2) a statement that if the applicant declines to register to vote, this decision will remain confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes;

(3) a statement that if the applicant does register to vote, information regarding the office to which the application was submitted will remain confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes; and

(4) if the agency provides public assistance, (i) the statement “Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.”;

(ii) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote, together with the statement “IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.”;

(iii) the statement “If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private.”; and

(iv) the statement “If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the Kansas Secretary of State.”

(d) If any person, in writing, declines to register to vote, the voter registration agency shall maintain the form prescribed by subsection (c).

(e) A voter registration agency shall transmit the completed registration application to the county election officer not later than five days after the date of acceptance. Upon receipt of an application for registration, the county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition of the application to the applicant at the postal delivery address shown on the application. If a notice of disposition is returned as undeliverable, a confirmation mailing prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, shall occur.

(f) If an application is received while registration is closed, such application shall be considered to have been received on the next following day during which registration is open.

(g) A person who completes an application for voter registration shall be considered a registered voter when the county election officer adds the applicant’s name to the county voter registration list.

(h) Any registered voter whose residence address is not a permissible postal delivery address shall designate a postal address for registration records. When a county election officer has reason to believe that a voter’s registration residence is not a permissible postal delivery address, the county election officer shall attempt to determine a proper mailing address for the voter.

(i) Any registered voter may request that such person’s residence address be concealed from public inspection on the voter registration list and on the original voter registration application form. Such request shall be made in writing to the county election officer, and shall specify a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or a threat to the voter’s safety. Upon receipt of such a request, the county election officer shall take appropriate steps to ensure that such person’s residence address is not publicly disclosed. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring or authorizing the secretary of state to include on the voter registration application form a space or other provision on the form that would allow the applicant to request that such applicant’s residence address be concealed from public inspection.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 25-2316c is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2316c. (a) When a registered voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceeding, if such voter is otherwise qualified to vote at such voting place such voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that such

voter first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration records, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any voter completing such application.

(b) When a registered voter changes residence, such voter shall re-register in order to be eligible to vote, except that when a registrant has moved from an address on the registration book to another address within the county and has not reregistered, such registrant shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or to apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that such registrant first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration record, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any such voter. Whenever the county election officer receives from any other election officer a notice of registration of a voter in a different place than that shown in the records of the county election officer, such officer shall remove the name of such voter from the registration book and party affiliation list.

(c) Every application for registration completed under this section shall be returned to the county election officer with the registration books.

(d) A registrant shall not be removed from the registration list on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant:

(1) Confirms in writing that the registrant has moved outside the county in which the registrant is registered, or registers to vote in any other jurisdiction; or

(2) has failed to respond to the notice described in subsection (e) and has not appeared to vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second federal general election that occurs after the date of the notice.

(e) A county election officer shall send a confirmation notice upon which a registrant may state such registrant's current address, within 45 days of the following events:

(1) A notice of disposition of an application for voter registration is returned as undeliverable;

(2) change of address information supplied by the National Change of Address program identifies a registrant whose address may have changed;

(3) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address in the county in which the registrant is currently registered; or

(4) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address outside the county in which the registrant is currently registered.

The confirmation notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall include a postage prepaid and preaddressed return card in a form prescribed by the chief state election official.

(f) Except as otherwise provided by law, when a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the registration books and the party affiliation lists. Whenever (1) an obituary notice appears in a newspaper having general circulation in the county reports the death of a registered voter, or (2) a registered voter requests in writing that such voter's name be removed from registration, or (3) a court of competent jurisdiction orders removal of the name of a registered voter from registration lists, or (4) the name of a registered voter appears on a list of deceased residents compiled by the secretary of health and environment as provided in K.S.A. 65-2422, and amendments thereto, or appears on a copy of a death certificate provided by the secretary of health and environment, *or appears in information provided by the social se-*

curity administration, the county election officer shall remove from the registration books and the party affiliation lists in such officer's office the name of any person shown by such list or death certificate to be deceased. The county election officer shall not use or permit the use of such lists of deceased residents or copies for any other purpose than provided in this section.

(g) When the chief state election official receives written notice of a felony conviction in a United States district court, such official shall notify within five days the county election officer of the jurisdiction in which the offender resides. Upon notification of a felony conviction from the chief state election official, or from a county or district attorney or a Kansas district court, the county election officer shall remove the name of the offender from the registration records.

(h) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person whose name has been removed from the registration books shall be entitled to vote until such person has registered again.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 25-3602 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3602. (a) Each petition shall consist of one or more documents pertaining to a single issue or proposition under one distinctive title. The documents shall be filed with the county election officer or other official, if another official is designated in the applicable statutes. The filing shall be made at one time all in one group. Later or successive filings of documents relating to the same issue or proposition shall be deemed to be separate petitions and not a part of any earlier or later filing.

(b) Each petition shall, unless otherwise specifically required: (1) State the question which petitioners seek to bring to an election in the form of a question as it should appear upon the ballot in accordance with the requirements of K.S.A. 25-620 and amendments thereto;

(2) name the taxing subdivision or other political subdivision in which an election is sought to be held;

(3) contain the following recital above the spaces provided for signatures: "I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered elector of the state of Kansas and of

(here insert name of political or taxing subdivision)

and my residence address is correctly written after my name."

The recital shall be followed by blank spaces for the signature, residence address and date of signing for each person signing the petition.

When petitioners are required by law to possess qualifications in addition to being registered electors, the form of the petition shall be amended to contain a recital specifying the additional qualifications required and stating that the petitioners possess the qualifications; and

(4) contain the following recital, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator: "I am the circulator of this petition *and a resident of the state of Kansas and possess the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas*. I have personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon." ~~I am a resident and a registered elector of the state of Kansas and of~~

(here insert name of political or taxing subdivision)

~~the political or taxing subdivision in which the election is sought to be held.~~

(Signature of circulator)

(Circulator's residence address)

The recital of the circulator of each petition shall be verified upon oath or affirmation before a notarial officer in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 53-501, *et. seq.* and amendments thereto.

(c) Any person who has signed a petition who desires to withdraw such person's name may do so by giving written notice to the county election officer or other designated official not later than the third day following the date upon which the petition is filed.

(d) Any petition shall be null and void unless submitted to the county election officer or other designated official within 180 days of the date of the first signature on the petition.

(e) Unless the governing body of the political or taxing subdivision in which the election is sought to be held authorizes a special election, all elections which are called as a result of the filing of a sufficient petition shall be held at the next succeeding primary or general election as defined by K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto, in which the political or taxing subdivision is participating.

(f) When a petition requires signatures equal in number to a percentage of the total number of registered voters, such percentage shall be based on the most recent number of registered voters as certified to the office of the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (f) of K.S.A. 25-2311, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 25-4306 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4306. The application under K.S.A. 25-4305 shall include (a) the name and office of the person sought to be recalled, (b) the grounds for recall described in particular in not more than ~~two hundred (200)~~ 200 words, (c) a statement that the sponsors are ~~registered electors~~ *residents of the state of Kansas and possess the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas* and who signed the application with the statement of grounds for recall attached, (d) the designation of a recall committee of three sponsors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in matters relating to the recall, (e) the designation of at least ~~one hundred (100) registered electors~~ *100 residents of the state of Kansas who possess the qualifications of electors of the state of Kansas* and who subscribe to the application as sponsors for purposes of circulation, and (f) the signatures and addresses of registered electors in the state or election district of the state officer sought to be recalled equal in number to not less than ~~ten percent (10%)~~ 10% of the votes cast for the office of the officer sought to be recalled in the last general election at which a person was elected to such office.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 25-4310 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4310. The petitions may be circulated only by a sponsor who is a ~~registered elector in the county in which the sponsor circulates the petition~~ *resident of the state of Kansas and possesses the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas* and only in person throughout the state or election district of the state officer sought to be recalled. No copy of a petition shall be circulated in more than one county, and the county election officer of the county in which each petition is circulated shall certify to the secretary of state the sufficiency of the signatures on the petition. Any registered elector of such election district or of the state, as the case may be, may subscribe to the petition by signing the elector's name and address as the same appears on the voter registration books. A person who has signed the petition may withdraw such person's name only by giving written notice to the secretary of state before the date the petition is filed. The necessary signatures on a petition shall be secured within 90 days from the date that the petitions prepared by the secretary of state pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4309, and amendments thereto, are delivered to the recall committee. The petition shall be signed only in ink. Illegible signatures unless accompanied by a legible printed name may be rejected by the secretary of state or by any county election officer assisting the secretary of state.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 25-4320 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4320. (a) Each petition for recall of a local officer shall include: (1) The name and office of the local officer sought to be recalled; (2) the grounds for recall described in particular in not more than 200 words; (3) a statement that the ~~petitioners~~ *petition signers* are registered electors of the election district of the local officer sought to be recalled; (4) the names and addresses of three registered electors of the election district of the officer sought to be recalled who shall comprise the recall committee; (5) the statement of warning required in K.S.A. 25-4321, and amendments

thereto; and (6) a statement that a list of all sponsors authorized to circulate recall petitions for such recall may be examined in the office of the county election officer where the petition is required to be filed. Each sponsor shall be a ~~registered elector of the election district of the local officer sought to be recalled and of the county in which such sponsor circulates the petition~~ *resident of the state of Kansas and possess the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas.*

(b) Each page of a petition for recall of a local officer shall be in substantially the following form:

I, the undersigned, hereby seek the recall of _____
 from the office of _____, on the ground(s)
 that _____

(state specific grounds)

and declare that I am a registered elector of _____
 County, Kansas, and of the election district of the officer named above.

Name of Signer	Street Number or RR (as Registered)	Name of City	Date of Signing
_____	_____	_____	_____

NOTE:

1. It is a class B misdemeanor to sign a name other than your own name to this petition, to knowingly sign more than once for the recall of the same officer at the same election or to sign this petition knowing you are not a registered elector.
2. The following comprise the recall committee:
 (names and resident addresses)
3. A list of all sponsors authorized to circulate petitions for this recall may be examined in the office of the _____ County election officer.

(c) A county election officer shall provide a sample of the form prescribed by subsection (b) upon request by any person.

(d) The affidavit required by K.S.A. 25-4325, and amendments thereto, shall be appended to each petition for recall of a local officer.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 25-2304 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2304. (a) The county election officer shall maintain registration books to register all citizens entitled to be registered by such county election officer under the provisions of this act. Such registration books may be in such form as may be authorized by the secretary of state.

The secretary of state shall prescribe by rules and regulations adopted as provided by law suitable provisions to assure the reasonable safety and reliability of registration books and applications for registration. Such rules and regulations may make specific provisions relating to any one or more of the types of registration books authorized by the secretary of state.

(b) The secretary of state shall establish a centralized voter registration database. Such database shall include all necessary voter registration information from every county within the state of Kansas. *The secretary of state shall include in such database a list of active voters and a separate list of voters who have failed to vote at two consecutive state or national general elections or who have failed to respond to a confirmation notice sent pursuant to subsection (e) of K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto.*

(c) County election officers shall maintain voter registration records as required by law and transmit data in the manner prescribed by rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this section.

(d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to insure the reasonable safety and reliability of the information contained in the central voter registration database *and voter lists required by this section* and to prescribe the type of data, the frequency, and the manner in which it is transferred to such central location.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 25-2320 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2320. The county election officer shall allow access to any person at any time during regular business hours, under supervision of the county election officer for the purpose of examining the voter registration books, *active voter lists and other lists of voters required to be kept.* Any person may make a written request for a copy of the registration books *and voter lists* at any time except on any election day. The election officer is hereby

directed to provide one or more copies which are accurate insofar as practicable of such books *and lists* to the person so requesting. The election officer shall provide such copies to the person within 10 days following the request if so requested. The expense of making such copies shall be paid by the person requesting them. The cost of copies shall be established by the county election officer at a price which is not more than the actual cost and shall be set uniformly in order that the price therefor shall be the same for all persons requesting identical copies.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 25-205, 25-302a, 25-303, 25-1122, 25-2304, 25-2309, 25-2316c, 25-2320, 25-3602, 25-4306, 25-4310 and 25-4320 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

SENATE concurred in
HOUSE amendments _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.