

SENATE BILL No. 208

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots;
2 restricting the number of *{prohibiting the use of}* remote ballot boxes
3 that may be used for the return of such ballots; ~~providing monitoring~~
4 requirements for the use of such ballot boxes.

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

7 Section 1. (a) ~~A county election office shall only use remote ballot~~
8 ~~boxes in accordance with this section. A county election office may~~
9 ~~designate and use not more than one remote ballot box for each election.~~
10 ~~Such remote ballot box shall be located inside the county election office.~~

11 (b) ~~While open and accessible for the deposit of advance voting~~
12 ~~ballots, each remote ballot box used in an election shall be continuously~~
13 ~~observed by two individuals who are each affiliated with a recognized~~
14 ~~political party, but who are not affiliated with the same political party. All~~
15 ~~remote ballot boxes shall be closed and shall not be accessible for the~~
16 ~~deposit of advance voting ballots when the county election office is closed.~~
17 ~~All remote ballot boxes shall be closed, locked and shall not be accessible~~
18 ~~for the deposit of advance voting ballots after 7:00 p.m. on the date of the~~
19 ~~election, except that any voter who is waiting to deposit an advance voting~~
20 ~~ballot in a remote ballot box at 7:00 p.m. shall be permitted to deposit such~~
21 ~~ballot.~~

22 (c) ~~Each remote ballot box shall have a sign conspicuously posted~~
23 ~~near the opening for depositing an advance voting ballot stating the~~
24 ~~requirements for and the statutory limit on the number of advance voting~~
25 ~~ballots that may be transmitted by a person other than the voter under~~
26 ~~K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, and the penalty for violations~~
27 ~~thereof. Such signage shall be in compliance with any rules and~~
28 ~~regulations adopted by the secretary of state *{No county election office*~~
29 ~~*shall use any remote ballot box for the purposes of the return of advance*~~
30 ~~*voting ballots}*.~~

31 (d) ~~*{(b)}*~~ The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations
32 necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section,
33 including, but not limited to, rules and regulations requiring that advance
34 voting ballots returned using a remote ballot box shall be preserved

1 separately from all other ballots collected by a county election office.

2 ~~(e)}~~*(c)* As used in this section, "remote ballot box" means any form
3 of a locked ballot box designated by the county election officer as
4 available for use for depositing advance voting ballots. ~~"Remote ballot~~
5 ~~box" does not include any ballot boxes located in a county election office~~
6 ~~or satellite advance voting site. {"Remote ballot box" does not include~~
7 ~~any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite advance~~
8 ~~voting site.}~~

9 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.