

Journal of the Senate

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Thursday, March 6, 2025, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by Vice President Tim Shallenburger.

The roll was called with 40 senators present.

Vice President Shallenburger introduced guest chaplain, Doug Henkle, who delivered the following invocation:

Dear Jesus, You have called each Senator to the office they hold and to this chamber now. I ask that You would keep, fresh in their minds, Your calling on their lives, even as the responsibilities of the waning weeks of this session may seem to loom large. I ask that You give them clear focus as the issues of this session are decided. I pray that they might trust You to provide all they need to accomplish Your calling.

Remind us that we needn't carry a burden of things You never intended us to carry. Keep us, each one, from a prideful mind and heart, set on doing things our own way. But rather, cause us to lay our heavy burdens at Your feet, taking up instead Your easy yoke. Thank You, Lord, that this very good exchange is possible.

Father, thank You for our form of government and that the citizens of our state are welcome to observe our elected representatives debating and voting on potential laws of our state. Thank You for each guest in this chamber today and for their interest in viewing our legislative process in action

I ask that You continue to give President Masterson, Vice President Shallenburger, Majority Leader Blasi, and Minority Leader Sykes Your divine wisdom and insight as they lead this chamber through the challenges of the legislative process. I pray that the results of their efforts would honor You, blessing all Kansans. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Vice President Shallenburger introduced "Resonate A Cappella," students from Kansas State University, who sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

SB 291, AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to optometry; modifying certain provisions of the optometry law related to scope of practice, definitions and credentialing requirements; amending K.S.A. 65-1501, 65-1509a, 65-1512, 65-1523 and 74-1504 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 65-1501a and 65-1505 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 65-1514 and 74-1505, by Committee on Assessment and Taxation.

SB 292, AN ACT concerning industrial hemp; relating to hemp-derived cannabinoid products; prohibiting the transfer of such products to any person under the age of 21; establishing packaging and labeling requirements for such products; amending the definition of industrial hemp and hemp products; amending K.S.A. 2-3908 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 2-3901, 21-5701 and 65-4101 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

SB 293, AN ACT concerning higher education; authorizing technical and community colleges to affiliate with universities; amending K.S.A. 71-1802, 72-3810, 74-32,413 and 76-712 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Ways and Means.

SB 294, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to medical cannabis; enacting the Kansas medical cannabis act; providing for the licensure and regulation of the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, distribution, sale and use of medical cannabis and medical cannabis products; establishing the medical cannabis registration fund and the medical cannabis regulation fund; making exceptions to the crimes of unlawful manufacture and possession of controlled substances; amending K.S.A. 21-5703, 21-5706, 21-5707, 21-5709, 21-5710, 21-6109, 23-3201, 38-2269, 44-1009, 44-1015, 79-5201 and 79-5210 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 8-1567, 21-5705, 21-6607, 22-3717, 22-4714, 44-501, 44-706, 65-1120 and 65-28b08 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **HB 2331**; **HB 2372**.

Ways and Means: **SB 290**.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Argabright, Blasi, Blew, Owens, Sykes, Tyson and Warren introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1712—

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the 2025 Kansas Master Teachers.

WHEREAS, Seven of Kansas' best teachers have been selected as Kansas Master Teachers for 2025; and

WHEREAS, Local teacher associations, educational organizations and school faculties nominate candidates for the awards. A committee representing educational organizations from across Kansas selected the 2025 winners; and

WHEREAS, The 2025 Kansas Master Teachers are Casey Engel, an English language arts teacher at Blue Valley High School, USD 229 Blue Valley; Jennifer Gillespie, a social studies teacher at Macksville High School, USD 351 Macksville; Jessica Madinger, an English language arts teacher at Northern Heights High School, USD 251 North Lyon County; Rochelle Mann, a K-4 music teacher at Amelia Earhart Elementary, USD 265 Goddard; Heather Newkirk, a 3rd grade teacher at Heller Elementary, USD 461 Neodesha; Marylavonne Roseberry, an English and speech communications teacher at Sedgwick High School, USD 439 Sedgwick; and Andrew Taylor, a 9th grade biology teacher at Olathe Northwest High School, USD 233 Olathe; and

WHEREAS, Emporia State University established the Kansas Master Teacher Awards in 1953; and

WHEREAS, The awards are presented annually to teachers who have long served the profession and exemplify the outstanding qualities of earnest and conscientious teachers; and

WHEREAS, Since 1980, Bank of America has pledged more than \$100,000 to permanently endow the Kansas Master Teacher Awards; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, the Black family of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, established an endowed chair for Kansas Master Teachers; and

WHEREAS, The fund provides a stipend to bring two Master Teachers to Emporia State University for a portion of a semester to provide presentations to classes of education students; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Kansas recognize the invaluable contributions of great teachers such as those being honored today; and

WHEREAS, These 2025 Master Teachers serve as mentors and role models and lay the groundwork for the best educators of tomorrow. They go above and beyond what is expected and offer inspiration, as well as instruction. They teach with heart and soul, and by giving the best of themselves, they encourage students to give their best in return: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we congratulate and commend the 2025 Kansas Master Teachers for demonstrating excellence in their profession and devotion to the children of Kansas; and

Be it further resolved: That we offer our heartfelt thanks to those extraordinary educators who face so many challenges in the classroom each day, yet persevere, choosing the satisfaction of doing their best and overcoming the frustrations inherent in their job, and we extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send seven enrolled copies of this resolution to Senator Argabright.

On emergency motion of Senator Argabright **SR 1712** was adopted by voice vote.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2028, HB 2378.**

Announcing passage of **Sub SB 45**, as amended; **SB 92**, as amended.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HB 2028, HB 2378 were thereupon introduced and read by title.

CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

In accordance with Senate Rule 55, the following appointments submitted to the Senate for confirmation were considered:

Senator Blasi moved the following appointments:

By the Attorney General

On the appointment to the:

Office of Inspector General:

Steven Anderson, Term ends January 15, 2029

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 38; Nays 2; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Ware, Warren.

Nays: Holscher, Pettey.

The appointment was confirmed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Thompson in the chair.

On motion of Senator Thompson the following summary report was adopted:

SB 194 be passed as amended by the adoption of the committee report.

SB 237 be passed as amended by the adoption of the committee report and as further amended by Committee of the Whole.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS

SB 194 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments.

SB 237 be amended by the adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Warren ; on page 1, in line 23, by striking "criminal conduct,"; in line 29, by striking all before "loss";

On page 2, in line 28, by striking all after "(A)"; in line 29, by striking "(B)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 4, by striking "criminal conduct,"

CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO CONCUR AND NONCONCUR

Senator Thompson moved the Senate concur in House amendments to **SB 4**.

SB 4, AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; requiring the return of such ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election; amending K.S.A. 25-1132 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 30; Nays 10; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Corson, Dietrich, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Pettey, Schmidt, Sykes, Ware.

The Senate concurred.

FINAL ACTION ON CONSENT CALENDAR

SB 269, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the state board of tax appeals; prohibiting a filing fee when a previous appeal remains pending before the board; amending K.S.A. 74-2438a and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Ware, Warren.

The bill passed.

HB 2261, AN ACT concerning the Kansas highway patrol; relating to the employment classifications of Kansas highway patrol officers; providing that Kansas highway patrol majors are to be within the unclassified service and superintendents, assistant superintendents and majors shall be returned with permanent status to the rank that such officer held when the officer was appointed to such respective position; amending K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 74-2113 and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Ware, Warren.

The bill passed.

FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

SCR 1611, A PROPOSITION to amend sections 5, 8 and 15 of article 3 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to the supreme court; providing for direct election of justices; abolishing the supreme court nominating commission; permitting justices to make contributions to and hold office in a political party or organization and take part in political campaigns, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 27; Nays 13; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Argabright, Bowers, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Pettey, Schmidt, Sykes, Ware.

A two-thirds constitutional majority having voted in favor of the resolution, **SCR 1611** was adopted as amended.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

"I voted against **SCR 1611** because, while I acknowledge that the current method of selecting judicial candidates through a nominating committee is not without its flaws, this resolution does not offer a sound alternative. I have previously supported a system that more closely mirrors the federal model (Senate confirmation) but **SCR 1611** fails to establish essential safeguards for judicial selection. One of my concerns is the lack of parameters for candidacy. The judiciary requires expertise, impartiality, and a deep understanding of the law, and **SCR 1611** does not ensure that these critical qualities are

upheld in the selection process. A Senate confirmation process in Kansas would allow for more thorough vetting of a candidate. Additionally, I am concerned about the impact this resolution would have on rural representation. Larger population centers, with greater resources and voting power, would have the ability to dominate the selection of Supreme Court justices, leaving rural communities with little to no voice in the process. Ensuring a fair and balanced judiciary requires a system that protects representation for all Kansans, not just those in high-population areas."—ELAINE BOWERS

Senators Argabright, Dietrich and Clifford request the record to show they concur with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Bowers on **SCR 1611**.

"The opposition has raised concerns about judicial elections being "for sale" to the highest bidder. This argument fundamentally misunderstands both voters and democracy itself. Elections aren't auctions where voters go to the highest bidder. This cynical view insults the intelligence and integrity of everyday citizens. When we claim elections can be "bought," we're really saying voters are too easily manipulated—too gullible or disengaged to see through campaign spending and make independent judgments. The data tells a different story. For every well-funded candidate who wins, another loses despite overwhelming financial advantages. Campaign finance certainly matters, but its influence is vastly overstated. Voters consistently demonstrate the ability to evaluate candidates on their merits regardless of advertising budgets. Moreover, merit selection doesn't eliminate money from judicial selection—it simply redirects its influence to less transparent channels. Instead of campaign contributions that must be disclosed, we get lobbying of nominating commissions behind closed doors. When we claim judicial elections are "for sale," we imply that voters are incapable of selecting qualified judges. Yet these same voters are trusted to elect governors, legislators, and presidents who make decisions of equal or greater consequence. The real question isn't whether money plays a role in elections—it's whether we trust citizens to navigate that reality. Merit selection answers that question with a resounding "no," removing power from voters and handing it to bar associations and political appointees. Elected judges remain accountable to the people they serve, not just during campaigns but throughout their tenure. An elected judge knows their decisions will eventually face the most important review of all: the judgment of their community at the ballot box. I vote to put judicial selection where it belongs—in the hands of voters, not committees meeting behind closed doors."—JOSEPH CLAEYS

Senator Gossage requests the record to show she concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Joseph Claeys on **SCR 1611**.

"I vote NO on **SCR 1611**. If enacted, judicial elections would unleash on Kansas a raft of special interest and dark money the likes of which our state has never seen. The voices of average Kansans would be drowned out in favor of the narrow concerns of the biggest funders. Unsuccessful litigants before the Kansas Supreme Court would be left wondering if their loss was due to the merits of their legal arguments or the number of zeroes on their opponent's campaign check. Instead of consulting the law books before rendering a decision, Justices would consult their pollsters, effectively becoming politicians in robes. The best and brightest attorneys would not participate in what will inevitably become a circus-like process, and the rural perspective, which is so desperately needed in a state like Kansas, would be lost. For these reasons, and many others, I vote NO on **SCR 1611**."—ETHAN CORSON

Senators Francisco, Haley, Sykes and Ware request the record to show they concur with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Corson on **SCR 1611**.

"I vote "NO" on **SCR 1611**. I, and many of my constituents who have contacted me, believe the current merit selection system for selecting judges should be maintained rather than changing it to an elected office. I recognize that this resolution would put the question to the voters. That being the case, I believe it is imperative that this measure includes an explanatory statement that for the ballot that fairly presents the arguments for and against. I offered an amendment to more accurately describe the membership of the Kansas supreme court nominating commission as consisting of five attorneys, four of whom represent each congressional district, and four non-lawyers who represent each congressional district in contrast to saying whose membership consists of a majority of lawyers. That amendment failed. We owe a more complete explanation to the voters of Kansas when we are asking them to make this important decision."—

MARCI FRANCISCO

Senator Ware requests the record to show she concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Francisco on **SCR 1611**.

"Kansas currently stands alone as the only state in the union that enshrines the power to decide who sits on our highest court to a commission controlled by five lawyers selected by other lawyers. This outlier system has failed, producing an often-overturned court that has no real accountability to the people. Rather than a system that consolidates authority in the hands of an elite society of super voters, it's time to restore that power to all Kansans."—TY MASTERSON

Senators Erickson, Kloos, Murphy, Peck and Thompson request the record to show they concur with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Masterson on **SCR 1611**.

EMERGENCY FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

On motion of Senator Blasi an emergency was declared by a 2/3 constitutional majority, and **SB 194**, **SB 237** were advanced to Final Action and roll call.

SB 194, AN ACT concerning real property; relating to covenants, conditions or restrictions; providing that certain covenants, conditions or restrictions on property owned by a state educational institution that restrict the use of real property to be only for single-family residence purposes or from being used for any purpose other than a single-family residence, and contain discriminatory provisions to restrict ownership or tenancy by race are void.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Ware, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

SB 237, AN ACT concerning family law; relating to child support obligations; requiring the court to consider the value of retirement accounts when determining support orders; prohibiting modification of a support order for professional misconduct

or voluntary underemployment; eliminating the exemption and retirement moneys from claims to fulfill child support obligations; amending K.S.A. 23-3002 and 23-3005 and K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 60-2308 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, J.R. Claeys, Joseph Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Ware, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 254** be amended on page 2, in line 30, by striking all after the period; by striking all in lines 31 through 34; in line 35, by striking all before "If";

On page 3, in line 31, after "discretion" by inserting "and after a hearing at which the person charged is present";

On page 4, in line 19, after "crime" by inserting "who is not a flight risk or a risk to public safety"; in line 26, after "(8)" by inserting "(A)"; following line 39, by inserting:

"(B) If the person charged with a crime is not a citizen or national of the United States, such person's immigration status shall be verified with the federal government pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c). For the purposes of determining the grant of or issuance of an appearance bond, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that a person who has been determined to be an alien unlawfully present in the United States is at risk of flight."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2022** be amended on page 1, following line 5, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 10-120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 10-120. (a) Whenever an election is required for the issuance of bonds for any purpose by any municipality other than an irrigation district or where a different procedure for giving notice of the election is specifically provided by law, upon compliance with the legal requirements necessary and precedent to the call for the election, the proper municipal officers shall call an election. The election shall be held ~~within 60 days after compliance with the necessary requirements, or within 90 days, should the longer period include the date of a general election~~ on the date of a general election, primary election or special election, as such terms are defined in K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto.

(b) Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality once each week for two consecutive weeks. The first publication shall be not less than 21 days prior to the election. Notice of the election shall also be published on the website of the county election office of any county where the election is to be conducted. Such notice shall be published not less than 21 days prior to the election and shall remain on the website until the day after the election. The notice shall set forth the time and place of holding the election and the purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and shall be signed by the county election officer. The election shall be held at the usual place of holding elections and shall be conducted by the officers or persons provided by law for holding elections in the municipality.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2024 Supp. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, and in the case of an election of any officers to fill vacancies held on a date other than the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the elections held on the first Tuesday in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years and any other preliminary election held on a date other than the first Tuesday in August at which part of the candidates for election to any national, state, county, city, school or other municipal office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

(c) "Special election" means any election ~~that is not a general or primary election, including, but not limited to, any mail ballot election conducted pursuant to K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto. A special election shall not be held within 45 days of a general or primary election but may be held on the same day as a general or primary election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of any year or on the same day as a general or primary election.~~

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2006. As used in article 20 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto:

(a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years, and in the case of special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in August of each odd-numbered year, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

(c) "Special election" means any election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of any year or on the same day as a general or primary election.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-2019 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2019. (a) No school district shall call or hold more than one ~~special bond election at a time other than on the same date as a primary or general election, at a special election~~ or the election of board of education members within any one calendar year; ~~nor shall any special bond election be held within sixty (60) days before or after a general election or election of members of the board of education of such district.~~ The provisions of this act shall not prohibit the planning for or consideration of any bond election during the period between authorized bond elections, nor shall this act prohibit notice or other preparation for election during such period.

(b) ~~The provisions of this act shall have no application to any capital outlay tax levy or election for authorization thereof. This act shall apply to every school district offering any of grades one to twelve and to community junior colleges.~~

(c) This section shall not apply to bond elections held for the purpose of replacing, or repairing and equipping school buildings or facilities destroyed or substantially damaged by fire, windstorm, flood or other casualty, if approval for such election is obtained from the state board of education."

Also on page 1, in line 19, by striking all after the second "election"; by striking all in lines 20 through 22; in line 23, by striking all before "held"; also in line 23, after "the"

by inserting "first Tuesday after the first Monday in April of any year or on the"; in line 25, before "K.S.A." by inserting "K.S.A. 25-2006 and 25-2019 and"; also in line 25, after "Supp." by inserting "10-120, 25-1115 and"; also in line 25, by striking "is" and inserting "are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after the semicolon; in line 2, by striking "held" and inserting "requiring that any special election be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in April or on the same day as a general or primary election"; also in line 2, after "amending" by inserting "K.S.A. 25-2006 and 25-2019 and"; also in line 2, after "Supp." by inserting "10-120, 25-1115 and"; in line 3, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2106, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 23, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 24, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 26, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person";

On page 2, in line 2, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 4, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 12, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 18, after "national" by inserting "or an out-of-state person"; in line 31, by striking the comma and inserting ":

(1)";

Also on page 2, in line 32, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(A)"; in line 42, by striking "(1)" and inserting "(i)";

On page 3, in line 1, by striking "(2)" and inserting "(ii)"; following line 4, by inserting:

"(2) "Out-of-state person" means any:

(A) Individual who is not a resident of this state; or

(B) entity, such as a partnership, association, corporation, organization or other combination of persons, that is organized under the laws of, has its principal place of business in or is otherwise domiciled in a state other than this state.";

On page 4, in line 7, after "(j)" by inserting "The provisions of this section are severable. If any portion of this section is declared unconstitutional or invalid, or the application of any portion of this section to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other portions of this section that can be given effect without the invalid portion or application, and the applicability of such other portions of this section to any person or circumstance shall remain valid and enforceable.

(k)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, after "nationals" by inserting "and out-of-state persons";

And the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Financial Institutions and Insurance** recommends **HB 2045** be amended on page 12, in line 7, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **HB 2166** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the

consent calendar.

Committee on **Transportation** recommends **SB 119**; **HB 2122**, **HB 2222** be passed.

Also, **HB 2030**, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 1, in line 21, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

HB 2168, As Amended by House Committee, be amended on page 2, in line 24, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Utilities** recommends **HB 2040** be amended on page 2, in line 3, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **HB 2110** be amended on page 15, in line 37, by striking "statute book" and inserting "Kansas register"; and the bill be passed as amended.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 9:00 a.m. March 7, 2025.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

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