

HOUSE BILL No. 2569

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to actions challenging the
2 constitutionality of state laws governing elections; requiring such
3 actions to be brought in the district court of Shawnee county.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Any action alleging that a state law related to elections
7 that has statewide application, or any rule and regulation adopted pursuant
8 thereto, violates one or more provisions of the constitution of the United
9 States or the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be brought in the
10 district court of Shawnee county. This venue requirement shall apply to
11 any such action regardless of the form of relief sought.

12 (b) If an action described in subsection (a) is brought in any district
13 court other than the district court of Shawnee county, such court shall,
14 upon its own motion or the motion of any party, transfer such action to the
15 district court of Shawnee county.

16 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit the jurisdiction
17 of the district court of Shawnee county or the appellate jurisdiction of the
18 supreme court or the court of appeals.

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