

## Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2782

By Committee on Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to persons running for public  
2 office in Kansas.

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

5 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person  
6 running for public office shall have the same qualifications as a qualified  
7 elector in Kansas, as set forth in section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of  
8 the state of Kansas. Such qualifications are that such person:

- 9 (1) Be 18 years of age or older;  
10 (2) be a resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to  
11 vote, except that where a person does not meet the requirements of a  
12 qualified voter at the time of filing but shall be duly registered to vote by  
13 the time such person would take office if elected, such person may file for  
14 office; and

15 (3) be a citizen of the United States.

16 Proof of citizenship shall be provided to the applicable filing office  
17 when the person files as a candidate for office by providing a document or  
18 a photocopy of such document listed in paragraphs (1) through (13) of  
19 K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto, to the secretary of state, or by  
20 seeking an assessment of evidence of United States citizenship by the state  
21 election board pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309(m), and amendments thereto.

22 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an applicant from providing,  
23 or the secretary of state or county election officer from obtaining  
24 satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, as described in  
25 paragraphs (1) through (13) of K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments  
26 thereto, at a different time or in a different manner than when a person files  
27 to run for office, as long as the applicant's eligibility can be adequately  
28 assessed by the secretary of state or county election officer as required by  
29 this section.

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

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