

SENATE BILL No. 461

By Committee on Ways and Means

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to education of election workers;
2 amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-124, 25-2706 and 25-2806 and
3 repealing the existing sections.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-124 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-124. (a) County election officers, as defined in K.S.A. ~~25-~~
8 ~~2504~~ 25-2503, and amendments thereto, shall receive instruction relating
9 to their duties in conducting official elections, including procedures for
10 complying with federal and state laws and regulations. The form and
11 content of the instruction shall be determined by the secretary of state.

12 (b) *The secretary of state shall develop a standardized comprehensive*
13 *training program covering all relevant state laws and rules and*
14 *regulations relating to elections. The training program shall be required*
15 *for all election workers including poll workers, election board judges,*
16 *election clerks and election board members.*

17 (c) *The secretary of state shall develop a standardized comprehensive*
18 *training program covering all relevant state laws and rules and*
19 *regulations relating to voter registration for all state and local government*
20 *employees who are required to assist in voter registration. Such employees*
21 *shall be required to complete such training program.*

22 (d) *The training programs required under this section shall be in*
23 *place before the August 7, 2012 primary election. Such programs shall*
24 *include testing of participants to determine their understanding of the*
25 *state laws and rules and regulations.*

26 *Election board judges, clerks and poll workers must demonstrate a*
27 *sufficient knowledge of the state laws and rules and regulations before*
28 *assuming their election duties.*

29 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-2706 is hereby amended to read as
30 follows: 25-2706. (a) The county election officer shall prepare and furnish
31 copies of all registrations and all books, maps, instructions and blanks
32 needed for the use and guidance of *poll workers, election clerks, election*
33 *judges and* election boards and voters. County election officers may adopt
34 such rules and regulations for elections as may be needed and not in
35 conflict with state law or rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations
36 shall be submitted to the secretary of state for approval.

1 (b) The county election officer *as directed by the secretary of state*
2 shall furnish printed instructions to *poll workers, election clerks, election*
3 *judges and* election boards, defining their duties and the law governing
4 elections.

5 (c) (1) The county election officer *as directed by the secretary of*
6 *state* shall furnish:

- 7 (A) Printed instructions to voters;
- 8 (B) a list of voters' rights and responsibilities;
- 9 (C) a sample ballot;
- 10 (D) notification of the date of the election; and
- 11 (E) the polling place hours.

12 (2) Each of the items in paragraph (1) shall be posted in every voting
13 place at every election.

14 (3) Wherever the secretary of state deems it advisable, all items listed
15 in subsection (c) shall be printed in English and in a language or languages
16 other than English.

17 (d) The secretary of state shall specify the form and contents of
18 instructions to voters, list of voters' rights and responsibilities and
19 instructions to election boards. Such specifications shall be transmitted to
20 county election officers and may be changed from time to time by the
21 secretary of state.

22 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-2806 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows: 25-2806. The county election officer *as directed by the secretary*
24 *of state* shall provide instruction for *all election workers including poll*
25 *agents, poll workers,* election board judges and clerks before each election.
26 The instruction shall relate to all matters *covered in the training program*
27 *required under K.S.A. 25-124, and amendments thereto, and any other*
28 *matter* which in the opinion of the county election officer require
29 additional knowledge, explanation to, or training of such judges relating to
30 elections generally, voting machines, ballots or duties in connection with
31 any of the foregoing.

32 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-124, 25-2706 and 25-2806 are hereby
33 repealed.

34 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
35 publication in the statute book.