

**SENATE BILL No. 211**

By Committee on Ways and Means

2-18

1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to certain municipalities; amending  
2 K.S.A. 2-623, 12-344, 13-1220, 13-1221, 19-2680, 19-3505, 19-3507,  
3 24-504, 25-202, 25-209, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007,  
4 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-  
5 2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-  
6 1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1417, 71-1419 and 72-8008 and K.S.A.  
7 2012 Supp. 2-624, 12-363, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-213,  
8 25-611, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-  
9 3801 and 42-706 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing  
10 K.S.A. 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-  
11 1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h,  
12 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009,  
13 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-  
14 1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-  
15 1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-  
16 1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-  
17 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037  
18 and 12-1038.

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

21 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2014, all primary  
22 elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of  
23 any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2014 and  
24 on such date thereafter of even-numbered years and all general elections  
25 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any  
26 municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in  
27 November of 2014 of even-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

28 (b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected  
29 officials that would expire at any time in 2015 shall expire on the second  
30 Monday in January, 2015, when newly elected members of the governing  
31 body and other newly elected officials shall take office.

32 (c) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as  
33 provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.

34 (d) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality unless  
35 otherwise provided by law shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and  
36 amendments thereto.

1 (e) All elections for officers of municipalities shall be on a partisan  
2 basis.

3 (f) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created  
4 under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2012  
5 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, board of public utilities  
6 created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto, county  
7 adopting a charter under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto,  
8 school district, community college, drainage district, extension district,  
9 irrigation district, library district created under K.S.A. 12-1236 et seq., and  
10 amendments thereto, and water districts created under K.S.A. 19-3501 et  
11 seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any municipality  
12 where the election of members of the governing body is conducted at a  
13 meeting of the municipality.

14 New Sec. 2. (a) Any city may adopt by ordinance one of the  
15 following forms of government:

16 (1) Commission;  
17 (2) mayor-council;  
18 (3) commission-manager;  
19 (4) mayor-council-manager;  
20 (5) council-manager; or  
21 (6) any other form of government authorized by law or by ordinance  
22 or charter ordinance of the city.

23 (b) Any city which has operated for four or more years under a form  
24 of government may abandon such form and adopt a different form of  
25 government. The provisions of K.S.A. 12-184, and amendments thereto,  
26 shall govern the procedure for the adoption or abandonment of such form  
27 of government.

28 (c) The governing body of the city may establish by ordinance any of  
29 the following:

30 (1) The powers and duties of the governing body, including the mayor  
31 and other elected officials;  
32 (2) the term of office of members of the governing body, including  
33 the mayor and other elected officials of either two or four years;  
34 (3) the election by ward or district of members of the governing body,  
35 if applicable;  
36 (4) the powers and duties of the city manager, if applicable;  
37 (5) the administrative departments of the city; and  
38 (6) other matters deemed appropriate by the governing body.

39 New Sec. 3. All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to  
40 a city's form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing  
41 of city primary and general elections, shall remain in effect until amended  
42 or repealed by such city.

43 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a)

1 Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils may  
2 establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such  
3 councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to  
4 combine the extension programs for each county involved into one  
5 extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall  
6 be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1)  
7 The board of county commissioners of each county included in the  
8 proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)  
9 the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the  
10 proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state  
11 university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized  
12 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in  
13 accordance with subsection (h).

14 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils  
15 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a  
16 new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with  
17 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and  
18 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district  
19 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils  
20 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement  
21 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:  
22 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the  
23 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)  
24 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being  
25 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing  
26 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university  
27 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized  
28 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in  
29 accordance with subsection (h).

30 (c) On July 1 after the approval under subsection (a) or (b) of an  
31 agreement to establish an extension district, such extension district is  
32 hereby established and shall constitute a body corporate and politic  
33 possessing the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes under the  
34 name of "extension district no. \_\_\_\_\_ (the number designated by the  
35 director of extension), \_\_\_\_\_ counties (naming the counties included  
36 within the district), state of Kansas." Each extension district is a taxing  
37 subdivision and has the power to contract, sue and be sued and to acquire,  
38 hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law.

39 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
40 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension  
41 programs which are combined into the new district extension programs  
42 shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the  
43 authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance

1 with the agreement to establish the extension district.

2 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
3 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the  
4 establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to  
5 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all  
6 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their  
7 appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for  
8 terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an  
9 election held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year~~  
10 ~~following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending~~  
11 ~~upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held~~  
12 ~~on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following~~  
13 ~~their appointment following the first Monday in November of the first~~  
14 ~~even-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall~~  
15 ~~serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their~~  
16 ~~successors at an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday~~  
17 ~~in November of the second even-numbered year following their~~  
18 ~~appointment.~~

19 (f) *A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August in*  
20 *accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.*

21 ~~(g)~~ (g) In the case of one or more counties being included in an  
22 existing extension district under subsection (b), the board of county  
23 commissioners of each county being included in an existing extension  
24 district shall appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership  
25 on the governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members  
26 so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of  
27 the members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon  
28 the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the  
29 ~~first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their~~  
30 ~~appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the~~  
31 ~~election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first~~  
32 ~~Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their~~  
33 ~~appointment Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first~~  
34 ~~even-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall~~  
35 ~~serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their~~  
36 ~~successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday~~  
37 ~~in November of the second even-numbered year following their~~  
38 ~~appointment.~~ The offices of the members of the governing body of the  
39 existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in  
40 such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded  
41 extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their  
42 existing terms of office.

43 ~~(g)~~ (h) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement

1 entered into under this section shall specify the permissible method or  
2 methods to be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the  
3 extension district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the  
4 extension district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

5 (†) (i) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A.  
6 2-628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to its  
7 entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney general who shall  
8 determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with  
9 this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney general shall approve  
10 any agreement submitted for approval under this section or K.S.A. 2-628,  
11 and amendments thereto, unless the attorney general finds that the  
12 submitted agreement does not meet the requirements of this act. In such  
13 case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the proposed parties to  
14 the agreement and to each other entity required to approve the agreement,  
15 the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the  
16 requirements of law. Failure by the attorney general to disapprove an  
17 agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection within 90 days of its  
18 submission shall constitute approval of the agreement by the attorney  
19 general.

20 (†) (j) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of  
21 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed  
22 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing  
23 extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a  
24 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to  
25 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included  
26 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each  
27 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If,  
28 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in  
29 opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county  
30 in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified  
31 electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such  
32 board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the  
33 county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the  
34 same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county  
35 voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special  
36 election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall  
37 be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-  
38 120, and amendments thereto.

39 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be  
41 composed of four representatives from each county included in the  
42 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first  
43 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four

1 members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected  
2 in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

3 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to  
4 membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the  
5 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such  
6 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall  
7 commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member  
8 elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and  
9 qualified.

10 (c) (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this act, an A primary shall be~~  
11 ~~held on the first Tuesday in August in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and~~  
12 ~~amendments thereto. The general election to elect successors to members~~  
13 ~~of the governing body whose terms are expiring shall be held on the first~~  
14 ~~Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year.~~

15 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an  
16 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results  
17 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections  
18 except as otherwise provided by this act. ~~Not later than 12 noon of the~~  
19 ~~Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years,~~  
20 ~~each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing~~  
21 ~~body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidaey, accompanied by~~  
22 ~~a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county represented~~  
23 ~~by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as~~  
24 ~~a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such~~  
25 ~~filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.~~  
26 ~~The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the~~  
27 ~~names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order~~  
28 ~~Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body~~  
29 ~~shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election~~  
30 ~~officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body~~  
31 ~~whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made as~~  
32 ~~provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

33 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension  
34 district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections  
35 and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election  
36 officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the  
37 district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the  
38 judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each  
39 ~~general and primary election, signed by the county election officer, shall~~  
40 ~~be given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a~~  
41 ~~conspicuous place in the office of the governing body at least five days~~  
42 ~~before the holding thereof shall be published by the county election officer~~  
43 ~~in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209,~~

1 *and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.*

2 (4) All election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.  
3 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under  
4 the general election laws.

5 (d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an  
6 extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for  
7 the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident  
8 of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

9 (e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize  
10 annually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-  
11 chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

12 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 12-344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-344.

13 (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the exercise of  
14 powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with the  
15 constitution or other laws of this state.

16 (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the consolidation  
17 of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the  
18 plan shall:

19 (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and  
20 officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

21 (2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

22 (3) Authorize the appointment of, or elimination of elective officials  
23 and offices.

24 (4) Specify the effective date of the consolidation.

25 (5) Include other provisions determined necessary by the  
26 commission.

27 (c) If the plan provides for the consolidation of the city and county, in  
28 addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

29 (1) Fix the boundaries of the governing body's election districts,  
30 provide a method for changing the boundaries from time-to-time, any at-  
31 large positions on the governing body, fix the number, term and initial  
32 compensation of the governing body of the consolidated city-county and  
33 the method of election.

34 ~~(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the~~  
35 ~~consolidated city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the~~  
36 ~~time at which such elections shall be held.~~

37 ~~(3) (2) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative~~  
38 ~~duties of the consolidated city-county officials, provide for consolidation~~  
39 ~~or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a~~  
40 ~~consolidated city-county administrator or a city-county manager, if~~  
41 ~~deemed advisable, and prescribe the general structure of the consolidated~~  
42 ~~city-county government.~~

43 ~~(4) (3) Provide for the official name of the consolidated city-county.~~

1       ~~(5)~~ (4) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and  
2 other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

3       (d) *Elections for the governing body and other elected officers of the*  
4 *consolidated city-county shall be on a partisan basis.*

5       Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 12-363 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 12-363. (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide  
7 for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not  
8 inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

9       (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the unification of  
10 certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the plan  
11 shall:

12       (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and  
13 officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

14       (2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

15       (3) Specify the effective date of the unification.

16       (4) Include other provisions determined necessary by the  
17 commission.

18       (c) If the plan provides for the unification of the city and county, in  
19 addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

20       (1) Provide that the members of the governing body be elected from  
21 districts or on an at-large basis and fix the number, term and initial  
22 compensation of the governing body of the unified city-county and the  
23 method of election.

24       ~~(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the unified~~  
25 ~~city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which~~  
26 ~~such elections shall be held.~~

27       ~~(3)~~ (2) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative  
28 duties of the unified city-county officials, provide for unification or  
29 expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a city-  
30 county administrator or manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the  
31 general structure of the unified city-county government.

32       ~~(4)~~ (3) Provide for the official name of the unified city-county.

33       ~~(5)~~ (4) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and  
34 other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

35       ~~(6)~~ (5) Fix the rate of the retailers' sales tax, if any.

36       (d) *Elections for the governing body and other elected officials shall*  
37 *be on a partisan basis.*

38       Sec. 8. K.S.A. 13-1220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
39 1220. ~~In each city of the first class that now has or hereafter acquires a~~  
40 ~~population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, which now or~~  
41 ~~hereafter owns and operates a municipal waterworks plant and a municipal~~  
42 ~~electric light plant, there shall be~~ *Any city may establish* an administrative  
43 agency known as the board of public utilities of such city, to be elected in

1 the manner hereinafter provided. The board shall manage, operate,  
2 maintain and control the daily operation of the water plant and electric-  
3 light plant of such city, and shall make all such rules and regulations as are  
4 necessary for the safe, economical and efficient operation and management  
5 of such water plants and electric-light plants. The board may also improve,  
6 extend or enlarge the water plants and electric-light plants as hereinafter  
7 provided, and furnish a supply of water, light, heat and power for  
8 domestic, industrial and municipal purposes.

9 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
10 1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members, three  
11 of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three of  
12 which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each of  
13 the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). *Members of the board*  
14 *shall be elected on a partisan basis.* Members elected to the board of  
15 public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold their offices for  
16 terms of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.  
17 Each of the members elected from districts shall be qualified voters of the  
18 districts from which elected. Elections of members of the board shall be  
19 held at the time of the general city election. The provisions of article 17 of  
20 chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*,  
21 pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall govern so far as  
22 applicable.

23 The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-  
24 president and shall appoint a secretary. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
25 K.S.A. 13-1222, *and amendments thereto*, relating to a quorum for the  
26 transaction of business and a vote for action by the board, any vacancy  
27 occurring in the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the members  
28 remaining on the board. Where a vacancy has occurred in the membership  
29 of any board of public utilities, a member selected to fill such vacancy  
30 shall serve until the next city election, at which time a successor shall be  
31 elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

32 (b) The districts numbered 1, 2 and 3 established in 1979 shall be  
33 subject to alteration at the first meeting of the board in each fourth year  
34 thereafter, but such alteration shall only be for the purpose of establishing  
35 and maintaining the equality of population among the districts.

36 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 19-2680 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
37 2680. (a) Any county which has been declared to be an urban area under  
38 the provisions of K.S.A. 19-2654, *and amendments thereto*, is hereby  
39 authorized to adopt, and from time to time amend, a charter for the  
40 government of such county. Such charter shall provide for the exercise of  
41 powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with general  
42 law or the constitution of the state of Kansas, and may:

43 (a) (1) Fix the boundaries of each county commissioner's district,

1 provide a method for changing them from time to time, and fix the  
 2 number, term, and compensation of the commissioners and their method of  
 3 election, and shall define and outline duties and powers of the county  
 4 commissioners;

5 ~~(b)~~ (2) provide for the exercise of such powers similar or identical to  
 6 the powers permitted under K.S.A. 19-101 and article 39 of chapter 12 of  
 7 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*;

8 ~~(c)~~ (3) provide in the charter a method for its amendment;

9 ~~(d)~~ (4) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative  
 10 duties of the county officials, provide for consolidation or expansion of  
 11 services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a county administrator  
 12 or a county manager, and prescribe the general structure of county  
 13 government; and

14 ~~(e)~~ (5) authorize the appointment of or elimination of elective  
 15 officials and offices within the charter similar or identical to that  
 16 authorization permitted the board of county commissioners under article  
 17 39 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments*  
 18 *thereto*.

19 (b) *Elections for the governing body and other elected officers shall*  
 20 *be on a partisan basis.*

21 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 22 3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body  
 23 of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member  
 24 board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member  
 25 shall be elected and shall hold office from ~~May 1 following such member's~~  
 26 ~~election until April 30; the second Monday in January succeeding such~~  
 27 *member's election until* four years thereafter and until a successor is  
 28 elected and has qualified.

29 The first election of members of the governing body of any water  
 30 district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first  
 31 Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members  
 32 shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and  
 33 ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term,  
 34 to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members  
 35 shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the  
 36 beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members  
 37 first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately  
 38 eight months. Elections shall be ~~thereafter~~ held on the ~~first~~ Tuesday ~~in~~  
 39 ~~April of each odd-numbered year~~ *following the first Monday in November*  
 40 *of each even-numbered year* for the member positions whose terms expire  
 41 in that year.

42 (b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water  
 43 district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991,

1 positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the  
2 election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-  
3 year terms.

4 (c) ~~Elections~~ *A primary election shall be on the first Tuesday in*  
5 *August in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. The*  
6 *general election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-*  
7 ~~numbered~~ *following the first Monday in November of each even-numbered*  
8 *year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold*  
9 *office from May 1, the second Monday in January following such*  
10 *member's election until April 30, four years thereafter and until a successor*  
11 *is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be*  
12 *called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to*  
13 *other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality*  
14 *shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be*  
15 *made to apply. Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and*  
16 *general election shall be published by the county election officer in a*  
17 *newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and*  
18 *amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.*

19 (d) *In January, following each election, the board shall organize and*  
20 *not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall*  
21 *select from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The*  
22 *vice-chairperson shall preside over any meetings at which the chairperson*  
23 *is not present. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the*  
24 *unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members. All members*  
25 *shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials. The*  
26 *members of the board shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior*  
27 *to accepting office, the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a*  
28 *corporate surety bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of \$10,000,*  
29 *conditioned upon the faithful performance of the member's duties and for*  
30 *the true and faithful accounting of all money that may come into the*  
31 *member's hands by virtue of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the*  
32 *office of the county clerk for the county in which the major portion of such*  
33 *water district is located after approval by the board of county*  
34 *commissioners of such county.*

35 (e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an  
36 amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary  
37 and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

38 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
39 3507. ~~The water district election shall be held in each election precinct, a~~  
40 ~~part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no~~  
41 ~~other election is being held in a given election precinct on the same date as~~  
42 ~~the water district election, the county election officer may provide one or~~  
43 ~~more convenient voting places where the water district electors of such~~

1 ~~precinct may vote, which may be a voting place located in another~~  
2 ~~precinct. (a) The county election officer shall designate such voting places~~  
3 ~~and the persons entitled to vote thereat in the election notice. The county~~  
4 ~~election officer shall make a report in writing to the board of county~~  
5 ~~commissioners of such election precincts and voting places, which report~~  
6 ~~shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which such~~  
7 ~~precincts and voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the~~  
8 ~~journal of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or~~  
9 ~~counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and~~  
10 ~~voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like manner~~  
11 ~~be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners, filed and~~  
12 ~~entered as aforesaid. The polls for any election held under this act shall be~~  
13 ~~open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.~~

14 ~~All~~ *Any* ~~qualified persons~~ *person* ~~desiring to be voted upon as a~~  
15 ~~candidate for a position as a~~ *member* ~~of such board shall on or before~~  
16 ~~12:00 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first~~  
17 ~~Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date~~  
18 ~~shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, file a candidate's~~  
19 ~~declaration of intention as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments~~  
20 ~~thereto, with the county election officer, a statement directing such officer~~  
21 ~~to place such person's name on the ballot as a candidate for member of the~~  
22 ~~board of the water district in such election, indicating the number of the~~  
23 ~~position for which such person is filing. No candidate shall be permitted to~~  
24 ~~withdraw as a candidate after the deadline for filing such statements of~~  
25 ~~candidacy. There shall be no primary election for members of the water~~  
26 ~~district board. The county election officer shall publish names of all~~  
27 ~~candidates in a newspaper of general circulation within the water district~~  
28 ~~not less than 10 days before such election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-~~  
29 ~~209, and amendments thereto. The county election officer shall provide for~~  
30 ~~use of voting machines or printed ballots in each election precinct or~~  
31 ~~voting place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall be done at~~  
32 ~~the expense of the water district. The names of candidates for each~~  
33 ~~member position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that each~~  
34 ~~candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such candidate's~~  
35 ~~name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being conducted~~  
36 ~~in an election precinct or voting place is the water district election, the cost~~  
37 ~~of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting place shall be~~  
38 ~~borne entirely by the water district, but where held in conjunction with~~  
39 ~~other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided by article~~  
40 ~~22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments~~  
41 ~~thereto.~~

42 *At least five days before any election, the county election officers of*  
43 *the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in*

1 cooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas  
2 where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district  
3 and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and  
4 located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which  
5 contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified  
6 electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list  
7 of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be  
8 furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the voting  
9 precincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote.

10 Qualified electors of any election precinct, ~~the entirety part or all of~~  
11 which is within the water district, shall be entitled to vote in such precinct  
12 and a separate list of their names need not be furnished.

13 A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinct other than  
14 the one in which such person resides unless no election is being held in  
15 such precinct, in which event, such voter shall be entitled to vote in the  
16 voting place designated by the county election officer.

17 ~~Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges of each~~  
18 ~~precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one desirous of~~  
19 ~~voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may proceed to the~~  
20 ~~county election officer of the county and such officer may administer oaths~~  
21 ~~and affirm witnesses to determine the right of anyone to vote who may~~  
22 ~~claim erroneous omission from such list, and if such officer issues a~~  
23 ~~certificate entitling the voter to vote, such certificate shall be accepted by~~  
24 ~~the judges and clerks of the election. The list so furnished by the county~~  
25 ~~election officer shall be conclusive at all elections held within the same~~  
26 ~~year that the list is furnished.~~

27 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 24-412. (a) ~~Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as~~  
29 ~~otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in~~  
30 ~~each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April,~~  
31 ~~1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first~~  
32 ~~Tuesday in April, to choose directors~~ *An election to choose three directors*  
33 *in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in*  
34 *November, 2014, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter,*  
35 *on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to choose*  
36 *directors. Any director elected in any district in 2011 shall hold such office*  
37 *until such successor is elected and qualified.*

38 (b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage  
39 district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in  
40 K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

41 (c) *A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August in*  
42 *accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.*

43 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as

1 follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the  
2 returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for  
3 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and ~~all~~  
4 ~~persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not~~  
5 ~~later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in~~  
6 ~~April in election years, file a declaration of candidacy, any qualified~~  
7 ~~person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate's~~  
8 ~~declaration of intention as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments~~  
9 ~~thereto, accompanied by a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer~~  
10 ~~of the county wherein the district is located, as a candidate in such~~  
11 ~~election, and the election officer in making up the ballots and in placing~~  
12 ~~the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical~~  
13 ~~order, but the returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the~~  
14 ~~secretary and canvassed by the board of directors. The county election~~  
15 ~~officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the~~  
16 ~~county general fund. The county election officer of the county wherein the~~  
17 ~~drainage district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by~~  
18 ~~law for other elections and shall designate places for holding the election.~~  
19 ~~The county clerk election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of~~  
20 ~~all persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall~~  
21 ~~furnish lists thereof to the judges of the election.~~

22 (b) Notice of the time and place of holding each *primary and general*  
23 ~~election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given published in~~  
24 ~~a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209,~~  
25 ~~and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto, and~~  
26 ~~posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the board of directors at least~~  
27 ~~five days before the holding thereof. At all elections and meetings held~~  
28 ~~under the provisions of this act, only persons who are qualified electors~~  
29 ~~shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a population of more than~~  
30 ~~150,000, at all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act,~~  
31 ~~only persons who are taxpayers and residents of the district who are~~  
32 ~~qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election expenses shall be~~  
33 ~~paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district. Election officials~~  
34 ~~shall receive the same compensation as provided under the general~~  
35 ~~election laws.~~

36 (c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns  
37 any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes  
38 assessed on such property.

39 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district  
41 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, *and amendments thereto*, shall  
42 consist of three qualified persons as defined in paragraph (3) of subsection  
43 (e) of this section.

1 (b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the  
 2 drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the  
 3 incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county  
 4 commissioners to which the petition is presented.

5 (c) The directors shall hold office until the ~~first Tuesday in April next~~  
 6 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next even-*  
 7 *numbered year* after the incorporation of the district, at which time and  
 8 every four years thereafter directors shall be elected and shall hold their  
 9 office for the term of four years and until their successors are elected and  
 10 qualified. *Such elections shall be conducted by the county election officer*  
 11 *at the time and in the manner in which other drainage district elections*  
 12 *and county elections are conducted.*

13 (d) Every qualified person of the district shall be entitled to vote at  
 14 the election or at any election which may be held in the district.

15 (e) For the purposes of this section:

16 (1) "Owner" or "person who owns land" means any person or entity  
 17 who is the record owner of the fee in any real estate in the district or the  
 18 fee in the surface rights of any real estate in the district, but the owners of  
 19 an oil and gas lease, mineral rights or interest, easements or mortgages as  
 20 such shall not be considered owners, and school districts, cemetery  
 21 associations, and municipal corporations shall not be considered owners.

22 (2) "Taxpayer" means any owner who has paid all taxes currently due  
 23 on such real estate.

24 (3) "Qualified person" means any taxpayer 18 years of age or older,  
 25 whether a resident of the district or not. A taxpayer who is a qualified  
 26 person and who is not an individual may designate an individual to cast its  
 27 vote or to serve as a director of the district.

28 (f) The county clerk shall determine the qualified persons entitled to  
 29 vote at any election in the district. Any entity desiring to vote at an election  
 30 shall register the name of its designated representative with the county  
 31 election officer no later than ~~14~~ 21 days in advance of any such election.

32 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.  
 33 Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed  
 34 drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of ~~said the~~  
 35 drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state  
 36 shall report ~~such the~~ fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall ~~forthwith~~  
 37 declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in ~~said the~~  
 38 petition and set forth in the reports of ~~said the~~ commissioners to constitute  
 39 a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within ~~such the~~  
 40 bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be incorporated as a  
 41 drainage district under the name designated in ~~said the~~ petition, and  
 42 ~~therefor~~ the ~~said~~ territory and the freeholders thereof, who are residents  
 43 of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic

1 and corporate under ~~said~~ the corporate name and shall give perpetual  
2 succession.

3 In ~~said~~ the proclamation the governor shall designate the ~~last Tuesday~~  
4 ~~of the next succeeding calendar month~~ *Tuesday following the first Monday*  
5 *in November of the even-numbered year* following the issuing of ~~said~~ the  
6 proclamation on which an election shall be held in each of the counties to  
7 be included within the proposed drainage district for the purpose of  
8 electing directors of ~~said~~ the corporation, in number and in the manner  
9 hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make and keep full and  
10 complete records of the organization of all drainage districts organized  
11 under the provisions of this act, showing the findings and decisions of the  
12 boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of the governor in  
13 connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct copy of which  
14 he shall forward to the ~~said~~ boards of county commissioners within five  
15 days after the issuing of the governor's proclamation provided for in this  
16 section, and they shall spread the same upon their records.

17 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as  
18 follows: 24-506. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district  
19 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto,  
20 shall consist of one person from each county in the district if the number  
21 of counties is odd, but if the number of counties is even, then there shall be  
22 an additional director at large. If the drainage district is located wholly  
23 within one county, the number of directors shall be three. Except as  
24 provided in subsection (b), the directors shall be freeholders who shall be  
25 residents of Kansas, whose lands in whole or in part are located within the  
26 district. The directors shall hold their offices for a term of four years and  
27 until their successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose  
28 directors, except the first, shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~  
29 *Tuesday following the first Monday of the next even-numbered year* and  
30 every four years thereafter.

31 (b) *Such elections shall be conducted by the county election officer at*  
32 *the time and in the manner in which other drainage district elections and*  
33 *county elections are conducted.*

34 (c) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land  
35 within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold  
36 the office of director.

37 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 25-202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-202.

38 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) all candidates for  
39 national, state, county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices shall be  
40 nominated by: (1) A primary election held in accordance with article 2 of  
41 chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto; or  
42 (2) independent nomination petitions signed and filed as provided by  
43 existing statutes.

1 (b) Candidates for any of such offices who are members of any  
2 political party whose candidate for governor did not poll at least 5% of the  
3 total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the preceding general  
4 election shall not be entitled to nomination by primary election but shall be  
5 nominated by a delegate or mass convention according to article 3 of  
6 chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

7 (c) No candidate for any national, state, county~~or~~, township *or*  
8 *municipal* office shall file for office as a partisan candidate in a primary  
9 election and also file for office as an independent candidate for any  
10 national, state, county~~or~~, township *or municipal* office in the general  
11 election immediately following.

12 (d) The provisions of article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes  
13 Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the justices of the  
14 supreme court or to judges of the district court in judicial districts which  
15 have approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of district court  
16 judges, as provided in K.S.A. 20-2901, and amendments thereto, nor to  
17 special elections to fill vacancies.

18 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-209.  
19 As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state shall  
20 certify to each county election officer the name and post-office address of  
21 each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a declaration of  
22 intent to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or  
23 for state office, together with the designation of the office for which each  
24 is a candidate and the party or principle which the candidate represents.

25 The county election officer shall ~~forthwith~~, upon receipt thereof,  
26 publish for three ~~(3)~~ consecutive weeks in the official paper, a notice  
27 which shall set forth under the proper party designation, the title of each  
28 national, state, county~~and~~, township *and municipal* office any part of the  
29 district of which is in the county, the names and addresses of all persons  
30 certified by the secretary of state as candidates for any national or state  
31 office any part of the district of which is in the county and, in addition  
32 thereto, the names and addresses of all persons from whom valid  
33 nomination papers or declarations have been filed in the county election  
34 officer's office, giving the name and address of each, the day of the  
35 primary election, the hours during which the polls will be open and stating  
36 that the primary election will be held at the regular voting places. Where  
37 such voting places are not well established and customarily known the  
38 published notice herein provided for shall give the location of such voting  
39 places.

40 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-212.  
41 In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention to  
42 become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than  
43 one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same

1 party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the  
2 state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names  
3 to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly  
4 equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without  
5 dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state  
6 shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the  
7 secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such  
8 party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of  
9 the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of  
10 counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party  
11 members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the  
12 alphabetical *arrange the* list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular  
13 *alphabetical order according to the candidates' surnames* and in certifying  
14 *shall certify* to the county election officer the list of names for whom  
15 nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have  
16 been filed; shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list  
17 in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on  
18 with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or  
19 pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one  
20 division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth.  
21 When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district  
22 judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state  
23 board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary  
24 of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each  
25 candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state  
26 senator, state representative or state board of education member in any  
27 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name  
28 first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of  
29 state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the  
30 district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices  
31 according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of  
32 names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting  
33 machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct.

34 The arrangement of the names certified by the secretary of state shall  
35 govern the county election officer in arranging the primary election ballot,  
36 and the county election officer in preparing the ballot for such officer's  
37 county shall follow the same arrangement as provided in this section for  
38 the secretary of state, for the candidates nominated for county offices,  
39 using the township and precincts of the county in making the division.

40 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as  
41 follows: 25-213. At all national and state primary elections, the national  
42 and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon  
43 the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the

1 county~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices as specified for each in this  
 2 section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county  
 3 and township offices. The official primary election ballots shall have the  
 4 following heading:

5 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT \_\_\_\_\_ Party

6 To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross  
 7 or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a  
 8 person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in  
 9 the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the  
 10 square to the left.

11 The words national and state or the words county~~and~~, township *and*  
 12 *municipal* shall appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown  
 13 above.

14 The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for  
 15 whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to  
 16 law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and  
 17 state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States  
 18 representative from \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor,  
 19 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of  
 20 insurance, senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, representative \_\_\_\_\_ district, district  
 21 judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district  
 22 attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and member state board of education  
 23 \_\_\_\_\_ district. For county~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices the form  
 24 shall be followed by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions  
 25 or declarations have been filed according to law for political parties having  
 26 primary elections in the following order: Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district,  
 27 county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township  
 28 trustee, township treasurer, township clerk, *community college, unified*  
 29 *school district, city, consolidated city-county, water district, drainage*  
 30 *district, irrigation district and extension district*. When any office is not to  
 31 be elected, it shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected  
 32 but not listed, shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there  
 33 shall be a statement of the number to vote for.

34 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official  
 35 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The  
 36 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be  
 37 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are  
 38 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the  
 39 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line  
 40 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in  
 41 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be  
 42 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or  
 43 declarations on file for the office~~except following the offices of precinct~~

1 ~~committeeman and precinct committeewoman.~~ Except as otherwise  
2 provided in this section, no person's name shall be printed more than once  
3 on either the official primary election ballot for national and state offices  
4 or the official primary election ballot for county ~~and~~, township *and*  
5 *municipal* offices. No name that is printed on the official primary election  
6 ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or written in as a  
7 candidate for any office on the official primary election ballot of any other  
8 political party. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an  
9 office, the person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate  
10 for the next regular term for such office. ~~The name of any candidate on the~~  
11 ~~ballot may be printed on the same ballot as such candidate and also as a~~  
12 ~~candidate for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.~~ No name that  
13 is printed on the official primary election ballot for national and state  
14 offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere on such ballot or on the  
15 official primary election ballot for county ~~and~~, township *and municipal*  
16 offices ~~except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.~~ No name  
17 that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county ~~and~~,  
18 township *and municipal* offices shall be printed or written in on the official  
19 primary election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on such  
20 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* ballot ~~except for precinct~~  
21 ~~committeeman or committeewoman.~~

22 ~~No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman or~~  
23 ~~precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or declarations~~  
24 ~~have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-in votes.~~ As a  
25 result of a primary election, no person shall receive the nomination and no  
26 person's name shall be printed on the official general election ballot when  
27 no nomination petitions or declarations were filed, unless the person  
28 receives votes equal in number to not less than 5% of the total of the  
29 current voter registration designated in the state, county, *municipality* or  
30 district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the  
31 secretary of state, except that a candidate for township *or municipal* office  
32 may receive the nomination and have such person's name printed on the  
33 ballot where no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if  
34 such candidate receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall  
35 be required to obtain more than 5,000 votes.

36 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.  
37 The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer forms  
38 for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall prepare  
39 ~~a rotation of the different~~ *list of* candidates appearing on the official  
40 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office *by*  
41 *arranging the candidates' names in alphabetical order according to the*  
42 *candidates' surnames.* ~~Such rotation shall be developed and arranged so~~  
43 ~~that each candidate shall have an equal opportunity as near as practicable~~

1 for the respective offices to which they are nominated. In case there is  
 2 more than one candidate for any national or state office, the secretary of  
 3 state shall divide the state or part thereof, into as many divisions as there  
 4 are names to go on the ballot for each particular office. In making such  
 5 division the secretary of state shall divide, in regular order, the alphabetical  
 6 list of counties into the required number of divisions, in such a manner that  
 7 all divisions are as nearly equal as convenient in the number of registered  
 8 voters in such division as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.  
 9 The secretary of state, ~~in certifying~~ shall *certify* the *alphabetical* list of  
 10 names of candidates to the county election officers, ~~shall assign, in regular~~  
 11 ~~order from the alphabetical list of candidates for each office, the ballot~~  
 12 ~~position for each candidate in such a manner that every candidate for any~~  
 13 ~~office shall occupy a different ballot position in each division. When, in~~  
 14 ~~the case of candidates for national or state offices elected on less than a~~  
 15 ~~statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it impossible to make a division~~  
 16 ~~which allows each such candidate in any given district an equitable or fair~~  
 17 ~~opportunity to have such candidate's name first on the ballot in the~~  
 18 ~~respective counties of the district, the secretary of state shall order the~~  
 19 ~~county election officers in the various counties of the district to rotate the~~  
 20 ~~names of the candidates for such district offices according to precinct to~~  
 21 ~~obtain an equitable division. The names of candidates for the same office~~  
 22 ~~but for different terms of service therein shall be arranged in groups~~  
 23 ~~according to the length of their respective terms.~~

24 In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together,  
 25 when the word "candidate" is used in this section, it shall mean pair of  
 26 candidates.

27 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as  
 28 follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general  
 29 ballot for national and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be  
 30 in the following order: Names of candidates for the offices of president  
 31 and vice-president, United States senator, United States representative  
 32 \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,  
 33 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the  
 34 state as a whole), state senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, state representative \_\_\_\_\_  
 35 district, district judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_  
 36 district, district attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and state board of  
 37 education member \_\_\_\_\_ district.

38 (b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for  
 39 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices for those offices to be elected  
 40 shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county  
 41 commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of  
 42 deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer,  
 43 township clerk, *community college, unified school district, city, water*

1 *district, drainage district, irrigation district and extension district.*

2 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
3 1115. (a) "General election" means the election held on the Tuesday  
4 ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of even-numbered  
5 years, ~~the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and in  
6 the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
7 which any such officer is finally elected.

8 (b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in  
9 August of even-numbered years, ~~the election held five weeks preceding~~  
10 ~~the election on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and any other preliminary  
11 election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national,  
12 state, county, city ~~or~~, school *or municipal* office are eliminated by the  
13 process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

14 Sec. 25. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county  
16 election officer where ~~such~~ *the* person is a resident, or where ~~such~~ *the*  
17 person is authorized by law to vote as a former precinct resident, an  
18 application for an advance voting ballot. The signed application shall be  
19 transmitted only to the county election officer by personal delivery, mail,  
20 facsimile or as otherwise provided by law.

21 (b) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to  
22 be transmitted in person, ~~such~~ *the* voter shall provide identification  
23 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto.

24 (c) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to  
25 be transmitted by mail, ~~such~~ *the* voter shall provide with the application  
26 for an advance voting ballot the voter's current and valid Kansas driver's  
27 license number, nondriver's identification card number or a photocopy of  
28 any other identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments  
29 thereto.

30 (d) A voter may vote a provisional ballot according to K.S.A. 25-  
31 409, and amendments thereto, if:

32 (1) The voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid  
33 identification; or

34 (2) the name and address of the voter provided on the application for  
35 an advance voting ballot do not match the voter's name and address on the  
36 registration book. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as  
37 defined in K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, to the county election  
38 officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the  
39 meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county  
40 board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of  
41 identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding  
42 provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a  
43 voter's identification is valid and the provisional ballot was properly cast,

1 the ballot shall be counted.

2 (e) No county election officer shall provide an advance voting ballot  
3 to a person who is requesting an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by  
4 mail unless:

5 (1) The county election official verifies that the signature of the  
6 person matches that on file in the county voter registration records.  
7 Signature verification may occur by electronic device or by human  
8 inspection. In the event that the signature of a person who is requesting an  
9 advance voting ballot does not match that on file, the county election  
10 officer shall attempt to contact the person and shall offer the person  
11 another opportunity to provide ~~such~~ the person's signature for the purposes  
12 of verifying the person's identity. If the county election officer is unable to  
13 reach the person, the county election officer may transmit a provisional  
14 ballot, however, such provisional ballot may not be counted unless a  
15 signature is included therewith that can be verified; and

16 (2) the person provides such person's full Kansas driver's license  
17 number, Kansas nondriver's identification card number issued by the  
18 division of vehicles, or submits such person's application for an advance  
19 voting ballot and a copy of identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and  
20 amendments thereto, to the county election officer for verification. If a  
21 person applies for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail but  
22 fails to provide identification pursuant to this subsection or the  
23 identification of ~~such~~ the person cannot be verified by the county election  
24 officer, the county election officer shall provide information to ~~such~~ the  
25 person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall  
26 provide ~~such~~ the person an opportunity to provide identification pursuant  
27 to this subsection. For the purposes of this act, Kansas state offices and  
28 offices of any subdivision of the state will allow any person seeking to  
29 vote by an advance voting ballot the use of a photocopying device to make  
30 one photocopy of an identification document at no cost.

31 (f) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the  
32 voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:

33 (1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August  
34 in even-numbered years, between April 1 of such year and the last business  
35 day of the week preceding such primary election.

36 (2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday ~~succeeding~~  
37 *following* the first Monday in November in even-numbered years, between  
38 90 days prior to such election and the last business day of the week  
39 preceding such general election.

40 ~~(3) For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first~~  
41 ~~Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the~~  
42 ~~last business day of the week preceding such primary election.~~

43 ~~(4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April,~~

1 ~~between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of~~  
2 ~~the week preceding such general election.~~

3 ~~(5)~~ (3) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a  
4 primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election  
5 of officers at such election.

6 ~~(6)~~ (4) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a  
7 primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice  
8 thereof and the last business day of the week preceding such question  
9 submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on  
10 a day other than a Tuesday, the county election officer shall determine the  
11 final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be  
12 more than three business days before such election.

13 ~~(7)~~ (5) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified  
14 by the secretary of state.

15 ~~(8)~~ (6) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of  
16 the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the  
17 week preceding such primary election.

18 The county election officer of any county may receive applications  
19 prior to the time specified in this subsection and hold such applications  
20 until the beginning of the prescribed application period. Such applications  
21 shall be treated as filed on that date.

22 (g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office,  
23 applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in  
24 the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next  
25 preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later  
26 than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election  
27 officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to  
28 the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be  
29 filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such  
30 properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to  
31 the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

32 An application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has a  
33 temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the  
34 English language or by a person rendering assistance to such voter may be  
35 filed during the regular advance ballot application periods until the close  
36 of the polls on election day.

37 The county election officer may designate places other than the central  
38 county election office as satellite advance voting sites. At any satellite  
39 advance voting site, a registered voter may obtain an application for  
40 advance voting ballots. ~~Such~~ Ballots and instructions shall be delivered to  
41 the voter in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as  
42 otherwise provided by this subsection.

43 (h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has

1 been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an  
2 application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for  
3 permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such  
4 information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and  
5 also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to  
6 permanent advance voting status.

7 (i) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this  
8 section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such  
9 officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such  
10 applications, together with their correct post office address and the  
11 precinct, ward, township or voting area in which ~~such~~ the persons claim to  
12 be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct  
13 residents and the present resident address of each applicant. ~~Such~~ Names  
14 and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The  
15 county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and  
16 addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All  
17 such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with  
18 this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The  
19 county election officer upon receipt of ~~such~~ the applications shall enter  
20 upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant,  
21 which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of  
22 any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make  
23 ~~such~~ the inspection shall provide to the county election officer  
24 identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification  
25 and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by ~~such~~ the  
26 officer stating ~~such~~ the person's name and address and showing the date  
27 and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer  
28 shall be subject to public inspection, except that the voter identification  
29 information required by subsections (b) and (c) and the identifying number  
30 on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such numbers shall not be  
31 made public.

32 (j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in  
33 two consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first  
34 Monday in November of each even-numbered year, the county election  
35 officer may mail a notice to such voter. ~~Such~~ The notice shall inform the  
36 voter that the voter's name will be removed from the permanent advance  
37 voting list unless the voter renews the application for permanent advance  
38 voting status within 30 days after the notice is mailed. If the voter fails to  
39 renew such application, the county election officer shall remove the voter's  
40 name from the permanent advance voting list. Failure to renew the  
41 application for permanent advance voting status shall not result in removal  
42 of the voter's name from the voter registration list.

43 (k) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to

1 implement the provisions of this section and to define valid forms of  
2 identification.

3 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
4 2006. (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on  
5 ~~the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year,~~ *Tuesday following*  
6 *the first Monday in November of even-numbered years,* and in the case of  
7 special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
8 which any such officer is finally elected.

9 (b) "Primary election" means the election held ~~five weeks preceding~~  
10 ~~the election~~ on the first Tuesday in ~~April following the first Monday in~~  
11 *August of each even-numbered year,* and any other preliminary election at  
12 which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are  
13 eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally  
14 elected.

15 Sec. 27. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
16 2007. (a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a  
17 special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of  
18 them.

19 (b) "County election officer" means:

20 (1) The election commissioner of the home county of the school  
21 district if such county has an election commissioner,

22 (2) the county clerk of the home county of the school district if the  
23 county does not have an election commissioner,

24 (3) the county clerk (or the election commissioner if there is one) of  
25 the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in  
26 the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists  
27 concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this  
28 subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such  
29 specification shall be conclusive.

30 (c) "Filing deadline" means ~~the hour, date or time after which it is~~  
31 ~~provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public~~  
32 ~~office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the~~  
33 ~~Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any~~  
34 ~~odd-numbered year the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and~~  
35 ~~amendments thereto.~~

36 Sec. 28. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
37 2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections shall be  
38 conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the school  
39 district. Board member general elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday~~  
40 ~~in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is required to be~~  
41 ~~held, such~~ *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-*  
42 *numbered years. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday*  
43 ~~preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years~~

1 *in August of even-numbered years.*

2 Sec. 29. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
3 2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
4 school elections shall be listed in ~~the various possible orders in rotation~~  
5 *alphabetical order according to the candidates' surnames.*

6 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
7 2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe  
8 the form ~~and time~~ of every publication notice applicable to any primary or  
9 general school election.

10 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
11 2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted  
12 elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

13 (b) ~~On or before January 15~~ *At the time and in the manner prescribed*  
14 *in K.S.A. 25-204, and amendments thereto*, the county election officer shall  
15 publish a notice of election one time in a newspaper having general  
16 circulation in the school district. The notice for board member elections  
17 shall state (1) the name of the school district, (2) the date of the general  
18 election, (3) the date of the primary election if one is held, (4) the filing  
19 deadline and the place of filing, and (5) the offices or positions to be filled.

20 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form  
21 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part  
22 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this  
23 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe  
24 any particular form.

25 (d) ~~Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ *At the*  
26 *time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments*  
27 *thereto*, a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county  
28 election officer in a newspaper having general circulation in the school  
29 district, if a primary election is required to be held. The publication shall  
30 be made one time and shall state (1) the name of the school district, (2) the  
31 date of the primary election, (3) the names of the candidates and the office  
32 or position for which each is a candidate, (4) the voting place or places and  
33 the area each voting place is to serve, (5) the times of opening and closing  
34 of the polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the  
35 county election officer.

36 (e) ~~Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ *At the*  
37 *time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments*  
38 *thereto*, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county  
39 election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the  
40 school district. The notice shall state (1) the name of the school district, (2)  
41 the date of the general election, (3) the names of the candidates and the  
42 office or position for which each is a candidate, (4) the voting place or  
43 places and the area each voting place is to serve, (5) the time of opening

1 and closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be  
2 determined by the county election officer.

3 (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district  
4 shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments  
5 thereto. The notice shall state (1) the name of the school district, (2) the  
6 date of the election, (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond  
7 election, (4) the proposition to be voted upon, (5) the hours of opening and  
8 closing of the polls, (6) the voting place or places and the area each voting  
9 place is to serve, and (7) any other information specifically required by  
10 law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county  
11 election officer.

12 Sec. 32. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as  
13 follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any  
14 school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board  
15 member by any one of the following methods:

16 (1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition  
17 to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which  
18 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election  
19 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors  
20 residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to  
21 not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district,  
22 whichever is less.

23 (2) Any person who is an elector in any school district may petition to  
24 be a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which  
25 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election  
26 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors  
27 residing in such school district.

28 (3) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become  
29 a candidate for board member from the member district in which such  
30 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of  
31 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing  
32 fee in the amount of \$5. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the  
33 secretary of state.

34 (4) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a  
35 candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such  
36 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of  
37 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing  
38 fee in the amount of \$5. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the  
39 secretary of state.

40 (5) Any such petition or declaration shall specify the member position  
41 for which the person is a candidate.

42 (b) When the election at large method is in effect in any school  
43 district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by

1 either one of the following methods:

2 (1) Any person who is an elector of the school district may petition to  
3 be a candidate for board member. Any such person shall file with the  
4 county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less  
5 than 50 electors residing in the school district.

6 (2) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may  
7 become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election  
8 officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment  
9 therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5. Such declaration shall be  
10 prescribed by the secretary of state.

11 (3) Any such petition or declaration which is for an unexpired term of  
12 a member shall so specify.

13 (c) Any such petition or declaration of intent must be filed before the  
14 filing deadline *as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto*.  
15 No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the  
16 filing deadline.

17 (d) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination  
18 petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for board  
19 member, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such  
20 petition or declaration.

21 (e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the  
22 county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the  
23 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or  
24 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.  
25 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the  
26 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and  
27 amendments thereto.

28 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
29 2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy  
30 which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired  
31 term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in  
32 a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that  
33 the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the  
34 board not sooner than ~~fifteen (15)~~ 15 days after such publication. If such  
35 vacancy occurs before ~~January 1 of an odd-numbered year~~ *May 1 of the*  
36 *second year of the term* leaving an unexpired term of more than two years  
37 such appointee shall serve until the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday in January* after  
38 the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, ~~or~~  
39 ~~any and~~ amendments thereto.

40 In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing ~~July~~  
41 ~~on the second Monday in January~~ after the following general school  
42 election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and  
43 returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as

1 follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

2 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
3 2023. ~~Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with the~~  
4 ~~election officer not later than ten (10) days~~ *The term of office of each*  
5 *board member shall commence on the second Monday in January*  
6 ~~following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after~~  
7 ~~issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later~~  
8 ~~date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following the~~  
9 ~~general school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an~~  
10 ~~oath of office with the county election office.~~ Each member elected to a  
11 board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or  
12 appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

13 Sec. 35. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as  
14 follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the election held on the  
15 Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of even-numbered  
16 years, ~~the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and in  
17 the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
18 which any such officer is finally elected.

19 (b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in  
20 August of even-numbered years, ~~the election held five weeks preceding~~  
21 ~~the election on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and any other preliminary  
22 election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national,  
23 state, county, city ~~or~~, school *or municipal* office are eliminated by the  
24 process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

25 (c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the  
26 city is divided into member districts or wards.

27 (d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officers  
28 without member districts or wards.

29 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
30 2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the ~~first~~  
31 ~~Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by~~  
32 ~~charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12,~~  
33 ~~section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of~~  
34 ~~city officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers~~  
35 ~~shall be two (2) years: Provided, however, That the provisions of this~~  
36 ~~section shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter~~  
37 ~~ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than~~  
38 ~~one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000)~~  
39 ~~located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand~~  
40 ~~(50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance~~  
41 ~~had become effective prior to April 30, 1968~~ *Tuesday following the first*  
42 *Monday of November of even-numbered years. The terms of city officers*  
43 *shall be four years and shall be staggered in a manner such that all*

1 *members shall not be elected at the same regularly-scheduled election.*

2 *(b) A primary shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of each*  
3 *even-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments*  
4 *thereto.*

5 Sec. 37. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on  
7 the *first* Tuesday ~~preceeding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of~~  
8 ~~every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided~~  
9 ~~in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each even-~~  
10 ~~numbered year.~~

11 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there  
12 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the  
13 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary  
14 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates  
15 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the  
16 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there  
17 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall  
18 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed  
19 on the ballots in the general election.

20 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in  
21 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there  
22 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there  
23 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of  
24 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest  
25 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the  
26 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of  
27 candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary  
28 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in  
29 the general election.

30 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names  
31 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates  
32 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office  
33 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The  
34 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name  
35 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote  
36 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary  
37 city election ballots.

38 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
39 2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be ~~12:00 o'clock noon~~  
40 ~~of the Tuesday preceeding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at 12~~  
41 ~~noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

42 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as  
43 follows: 25-2110. (a) ~~In cities of the first and second class, any person~~

1 desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file  
2 with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy  
3 on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the  
4 secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing  
5 under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the  
6 filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the  
7 county election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to  
8 become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county  
9 election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the county  
10 in which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into  
11 more than one county, ~~or the city clerk,~~ before the filing deadline a  
12 statement of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election officer  
13 as specified by the secretary of state.

14 (b) ~~In cities having a population of less than 5,000, each such filing~~  
15 ~~shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$5 or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a~~  
16 ~~petition signed by 25 qualified electors of the city or by a number of such~~  
17 ~~qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots cast~~  
18 ~~at the last general city election, whichever is less.~~

19 (e) ~~In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than~~  
20 ~~100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 or, in~~  
21 ~~lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the~~  
22 ~~city or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less~~  
23 ~~than 1% of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election,~~  
24 ~~whichever is less.~~

25 (d) ~~In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such~~  
26 ~~filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50; or, in lieu of such filing~~  
27 ~~fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a~~  
28 ~~number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots cast at~~  
29 ~~the last general city election, whichever is less.~~*Filing fees, or in lieu of*  
30 *such filing fees, the number of qualified electors of the city which must*  
31 *sign a nomination petition shall be established by the city governing body*  
32 *by passage and ordinance.*

33 (e) (c) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination  
34 petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for a city office  
35 elected at large, the county election officer shall determine the validity of  
36 such petition or declaration.

37 (f) (d) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid,  
38 the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the  
39 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or  
40 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.  
41 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the  
42 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and  
43 amendments thereto.

1       ~~(g)~~ (e) All city elections shall be conducted by the county election  
2 officer of the county in which such city is located, or of the county in  
3 which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into  
4 more than one county.

5       Sec. 40. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
6 2113. ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,~~ City elections  
7 shall be ~~nonpartisan~~ *partisan and shall be conducted in accordance with*  
8 *article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments*  
9 *thereto.* Laws applicable to elections occurring at the same time as city  
10 elections shall apply to city elections to the extent that the same are not in  
11 conflict with the provisions of this act.

12       ~~(b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the~~  
13 ~~first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized~~  
14 ~~by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a~~  
15 ~~general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not~~  
16 ~~in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to~~  
17 ~~election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies,~~  
18 ~~shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b).~~  
19 ~~The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot~~  
20 ~~labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall~~  
21 ~~make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as~~  
22 ~~may be necessary for the conduct of such elections.~~

23       Sec. 41. K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
24 2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
25 city elections ~~in cities of the first and second class shall be listed in the~~  
26 ~~various possible orders in rotation~~ *alphabetical order according to the*  
27 *candidates' surnames.*

28       Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
29 2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall  
30 promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election  
31 results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall  
32 ~~commence with and include the first regular meeting of the governing~~  
33 ~~body on the second Monday in January~~ following certification of the  
34 election.

35       Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon  
36 the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as  
37 specified in K.S.A. 54-106, *and amendments thereto*, and every such oath  
38 or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.

39       Sec. 43. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the  
41 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the  
42 following:

- 43       (1) Days when the main offices of the county government are closed

1 for business, except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer  
2 under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

3 (2) days when the main offices of the city government are closed for  
4 business, in the case of deputy county election officers who are city clerks  
5 except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer under the  
6 provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

7 (3) the 20 days preceding the day of primary and general state  
8 elections;

9 ~~(4) the 20 days preceding the day of primary city and school~~  
10 ~~elections, if either has a primary;~~

11 ~~(5) the 20 days preceding each first Tuesday in April of odd-~~  
12 ~~numbered years, being the day of city and school general elections;~~

13 ~~(6) (4) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one~~  
14 ~~specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and~~

15 ~~(7) (5) the day of any primary or general election or any question~~  
16 ~~submitted election.~~

17 (b) For the purposes of this section in counting days that registration  
18 books are to be closed, all of the days including Sunday and legal holidays  
19 shall be counted.

20 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of  
21 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general  
22 state, city and school elections. The days so specified by the secretary of  
23 state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of  
24 state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general state,  
25 city and school election.

26 (d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by  
27 the secretary of state under subsection (c) of this section, county election  
28 officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business  
29 hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon  
30 such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three  
31 business days before closing of registration books prior to state primary  
32 and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration  
33 of voters until 9 p.m. in cities of the first and second class.

34 (e) County election officers shall accept and process applications  
35 received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles  
36 not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter  
37 registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
38 preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or  
39 missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the  
40 day of any election.

41 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting  
42 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration  
43 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed, and days when it is

1 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or  
2 closed.

3 (g) Before each primary and general election held in even-numbered  
4 years, and at times and in a form prescribed by the secretary of state, each  
5 county election officer shall certify to the secretary of state the number of  
6 registered voters in each precinct of the county as shown by the  
7 registration books in the office of such county election officer.

8 Sec. 44. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
9 2502. (a) "General election" means the election held on the Tuesday  
10 ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of even-numbered  
11 years, ~~the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and in  
12 the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
13 which any such officer is finally elected.

14 (b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in  
15 August of even-numbered years, ~~the election held five weeks preceding~~  
16 ~~the election on the first Tuesday in April,~~ and any other preliminary  
17 election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national,  
18 state, county, township, city ~~or~~, school *or municipal* office are eliminated  
19 by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

20 Sec. 45. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
21 3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
22 and such occurrence is not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ 90 days and not less than  
23 ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days before any primary election of state officers, the  
24 election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the  
25 primary election of state officers.

26 (b) ~~In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and~~  
27 ~~such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty~~  
28 ~~(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school~~  
29 ~~officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in~~  
30 ~~this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as~~  
31 ~~such primary or general election.~~

32 (e) (b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
33 and such occurrence is not more than ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days before any  
34 primary election of state officers and before the general election of state  
35 officers, at such general election votes cast for the office of ~~congressman~~  
36 *congress person* in the district in which such vacancy has occurred shall be  
37 deemed to be cast to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as well as for  
38 the election for the next regular term. The governor shall proclaim the date  
39 of the election to be the same as the general election of state officers.

40 (d) (c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
41 on or after the date of any general election of state officers and before the  
42 term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the  
43 office of ~~congressman~~ *congress person* in the district in which such

1 vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy for  
2 the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term. The  
3 governor's approval of this act shall be deemed to proclaim that every  
4 regular election of a representative to the United States congress shall be  
5 an election for the unexpired term if any should occur, as well as election  
6 for the next regular term. In cases to which subsection~~-(e)~~ (b) of this  
7 section or this subsection applies, the person elected for the next regular  
8 term shall be deemed to have been elected for the balance of the unexpired  
9 term also.

10 Sec. 46. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as  
11 follows: 25-3801. (a) ~~At each primary election, the members of the party~~  
12 ~~residing in each precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of~~  
13 ~~their number as precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as~~  
14 ~~precinct committeewoman. No person shall be eligible to be a candidate~~  
15 ~~for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct~~  
16 ~~committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually~~  
17 ~~lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all~~  
18 ~~other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party~~  
19 ~~on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.~~  
20 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office  
21 of precinct ~~committeeman or committeewoman~~ *committee person* shall be  
22 promptly filled by appointment by the county chairperson, except that any  
23 vacancy which occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary  
24 election shall not be filled until the county central committee has elected  
25 or reelected its chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of  
26 precinct ~~committeemen and committeewomen~~ *committee person*, the  
27 county chairperson making the appointments shall notify the county  
28 election officer of such appointments. The county election officer shall  
29 make such appointments public immediately upon receipt thereof. ~~As used~~  
30 ~~in this act, "primary election" means the statewide election held in August~~  
31 ~~of even-numbered years.~~

32 (b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of  
33 Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*, to fill a vacancy, no  
34 appointments shall be made under subsection (a): (1) After the county  
35 chairperson has received notice from the county election officer of a  
36 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected office; or (2) after the  
37 county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which, is located within  
38 a legislative district has received notice from the secretary of state of a  
39 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office.

40 After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention  
41 held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and*  
42 *amendments thereto*, any vacancy in the office of precinct ~~committeeman~~  
43 ~~or committeewoman~~ *committee person* shall be filled as provided by

1 subsection (a).

2 Sec. 47. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as  
3 follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of  
4 directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote  
5 as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) and residents of a county in which the  
6 district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in  
7 which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members  
8 shall hold office for a period of three years, and each shall serve until a  
9 successor has been elected and qualified. The members of the board of  
10 directors first elected after the creation of an irrigation district shall hold  
11 their respective offices until the next regular election for the election of  
12 directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of this section except that the  
13 terms of the three directors shall be as provided in subsection (e) of this  
14 section.

15 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the  
16 incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the  
17 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted  
18 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of  
19 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief  
20 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating  
21 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as  
22 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or  
23 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed  
24 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places  
25 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more  
26 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the  
27 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of  
28 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district  
29 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute  
30 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members  
31 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,  
32 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the  
33 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place  
34 of any absent member.

35 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres  
36 which was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish  
37 three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and  
38 designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall  
39 also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting  
40 area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director  
41 shall be elected from each voting area and the person receiving the highest  
42 number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving  
43 the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and

1 the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a  
2 term of one year. At each subsequent election, only one director shall be  
3 elected each year for a term of three years. Any director elected under this  
4 provision must be a person entitled to vote as provided in subsection-~~(h)~~  
5 (g).

6 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be  
7 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except  
8 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11  
9 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,  
10 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of  
11 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection-~~(h)~~ (g). The  
12 forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120,  
13 and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as  
14 provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified  
15 to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within  
16 the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to  
17 canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of  
18 the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the  
19 irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such  
20 election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such  
21 elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the  
22 county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the  
23 population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer  
24 shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving  
25 the highest number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first  
26 election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county  
27 in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is  
28 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of  
29 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three  
30 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each  
31 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer  
32 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a  
33 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon  
34 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by  
35 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor  
36 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board  
37 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000 which oath  
38 and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in  
39 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is  
40 located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district  
41 a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount,  
42 as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as  
43 treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the

1 treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval  
2 of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval  
3 thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and  
4 shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the  
5 registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and  
6 filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond,  
7 the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced  
8 thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to  
9 include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall  
10 be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied  
11 by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to  
12 prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in  
13 subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety  
14 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid  
15 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director  
16 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the  
17 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve  
18 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed to  
19 fill.

20 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the  
21 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of  
22 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail  
23 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to  
24 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.  
25 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of  
26 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall  
27 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration  
28 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

29 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be  
30 held ~~the first Tuesday in March except as provided by subsection (g)~~  
31 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November in even-numbered years.*  
32 Any districts organized after the regular ~~March~~ election shall hold its  
33 election at the next regular ~~March~~ election following incorporation of the  
34 district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person  
35 receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of three years,  
36 the person receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve for a  
37 term of two years, and the person receiving the third highest number of  
38 votes shall serve for a term of one year. In case the first election after  
39 creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and the day  
40 preceding the ~~first Tuesday in March~~ *following the first Monday in*  
41 *November* of the next succeeding *even-numbered* year, the next regular  
42 ~~March~~ election shall be held in the second succeeding *even-numbered*  
43 year. At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall be

1 elected each year for a term of ~~three~~ *four* years. All persons desiring to be  
2 voted upon as directors shall at least 30 days before the day of holding of  
3 the elections, file such person's name with the county election officer of  
4 the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the  
5 irrigation district is located, affixed to a statement that such person desires  
6 such person's name to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for member of  
7 board of directors of the district in such election. *Any person desiring to be*  
8 *a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's*  
9 *declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in*  
10 *which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located.*  
11 *Such candidate's filing shall be made as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and*  
12 *amendments thereto.* The county election officer shall ~~make up the ticket,~~  
13 ~~at expense of the irrigation district~~ *prepare the ballot,* and place the names  
14 thereon in alphabetical order and shall supply election officials with  
15 necessary ballots and polling books at the irrigation district's expense. ~~At~~  
16 ~~least five days before any election held subsequent to first election of~~  
17 ~~directors, the boards of directors shall name and appoint three persons for~~  
18 ~~each voting place, who shall be qualified electors in the district.~~ At least  
19 five days before any election, the county clerks of the various counties  
20 within which a portion of the district is located, shall cause to be  
21 ascertained the names of all persons entitled to vote as provided in  
22 subsection ~~(h)~~ *(g)* and shall furnish lists thereof to each election board  
23 within such county and to the secretary of the board of directors of the  
24 district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the election, ~~signed by~~  
25 ~~the president and attested by the secretary of the district shall be given in~~  
26 ~~some newspaper or newspapers~~ *primary and general elections, shall be*  
27 *published by the county election officer in a newspaper of general*  
28 *circulation in the district for one issue at least five days prior to date of the*  
29 *election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and*  
30 *K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.* The ~~return~~ *results* of all special or  
31 bond elections shall be made *available* to the secretary of the district, ~~and~~  
32  ~~canvassed by the board of directors.~~ All expenses of election, not  
33 otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of  
34 the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same  
35 compensation as provided under general election laws.

36 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section  
37 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general  
38 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of  
39 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons  
40 entitled to vote as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ *(g)* for the purpose of electing  
41 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March,  
42 ~~except as provided by subsection (g).~~ Notice of the time and place of  
43 holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or

1 newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30  
2 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be  
3 by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) of this  
4 section. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30  
5 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name  
6 with the secretary of the board of directors of the district, affixed to a  
7 statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the  
8 ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The  
9 board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the  
10 district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes  
11 are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass  
12 the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in  
13 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is  
14 located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of  
15 this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall  
16 apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting.

17 ~~(g) In any case where the time for any regular election of directors as~~  
18 ~~described in subsection (e), or the election as described in subsection (f), is~~  
19 ~~the same for any two districts having the same district manager, such~~  
20 ~~election shall be held on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in~~  
21 ~~March by the district organized latest in time.~~

22 (h) (g) Until such time as assessments are made in the district  
23 pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled  
24 to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as  
25 such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who  
26 are otherwise qualified electors.

27 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-  
28 715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be  
29 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is  
30 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been  
31 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are  
32 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to  
33 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area  
34 shall vote in the voting area which includes the greatest portion of such  
35 person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" shall  
36 include a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a  
37 person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation,  
38 association or partnership which is the legal qualified owner of irrigable  
39 land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust,  
40 corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The  
41 person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not  
42 otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

43 Sec. 48. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-

1 1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may  
 2 be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period  
 3 beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each ~~odd-~~  
 4 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and ending on the first Tuesday in  
 5 ~~December~~ *June* of each ~~even-numbered~~ *odd-numbered* year, if such  
 6 change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end  
 7 of such period. The new method of election in such district shall be  
 8 followed in the election of trustees next following such change and shall  
 9 continue in force until again changed in the manner provided in this act.  
 10 Change of method of election shall not shorten the term of any trustee  
 11 serving on the board at the time the change is made.

12 Sec. 49. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
 13 1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college shall  
 14 be elected for a four-year term commencing on the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday*  
 15 *in January* following election. Members shall serve until their successors  
 16 are elected or appointed and qualified.

17 Sec. 50. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
 18 1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted  
 19 by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of  
 20 the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than  
 21 one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate  
 22 with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is  
 23 located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding  
 24 territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, in  
 25 accordance with this section, shall specify the county in which the main  
 26 campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General  
 27 community college elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of~~  
 28 ~~each odd-numbered year~~ *following the first Monday in November of each*  
 29 *even-numbered year*.

30 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the  
 31 ~~Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-~~  
 32 ~~numbered years~~ *first Tuesday of August of each even-numbered year in*  
 33 *accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.*

34 (c) *Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general*  
 35 *election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper*  
 36 *published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and*  
 37 *amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.*

38 Sec. 51. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
 39 1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in  
 40 effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a  
 41 community college by any one of the following methods:

42 (A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition  
 43 to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such

1 person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a  
2 petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors  
3 residing in such person's member district.

4 (B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become  
5 a candidate for member from the member district in which such person  
6 resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such  
7 a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5.

8 (C) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member  
9 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district  
10 may petition to be a candidate for the at-large member position. Any such  
11 person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such  
12 candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such college  
13 district.

14 (D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member  
15 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district  
16 may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with  
17 the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate,  
18 and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5.

19 (2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection  
20 must specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

21 (b) In college districts where the election-at-large method of election  
22 is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a  
23 community college by either one of the following methods:

24 (1) Any person who is an elector of the college district may petition  
25 to be a candidate for trustee. Any such person shall file with the election  
26 officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50  
27 electors residing in the college district.

28 (2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a  
29 candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of  
30 intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the  
31 amount of \$5.

32 (c) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section must  
33 be filed on or before 12 o'clock 12 noon on the Tuesday which precedes by  
34 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any odd-numbered year. No such  
35 petition or declaration shall be filed sooner than the second Tuesday of the  
36 December which next precedes the community college election June 1 of  
37 each even-numbered year as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments  
38 thereto.

39 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 71-1417 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
40 1417. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
41 elections of members shall be listed in the various possible orders in  
42 rotation. Ballots to be used in member elections shall be acquired by the  
43 election officer in such form and quantity as he shall determine

1 *alphabetical order according to the candidates' surnames.*

2 Sec. 53. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
3 1419. (a) The election of trustees of community colleges shall be  
4 ~~nonpartisan~~ *partisan, in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments*  
5 *thereto*, and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall ~~not~~ apply in  
6 such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is a  
7 crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.

8 (b) Except as is provided in (a) above, laws applicable to local  
9 elections, including voter registration laws, occurring at the same time as  
10 election of trustees shall apply to the election of trustees to the extent that  
11 the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. ~~The provisions~~  
12 ~~of this subsection (b) shall not apply to election notices.~~

13 (c) Ballots for election of trustees shall be canvassed by the members  
14 of election boards canvassing ballots in other ~~local~~ elections insofar as is  
15 practicable, and where it is not practicable, the county election officer shall  
16 provide for such canvass by other appropriate means.

17 Sec. 54. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
18 8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school  
19 district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during  
20 the period beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each  
21 ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and ending on the first Tuesday in  
22 ~~December~~ *June* of each ~~even-numbered~~ *odd-numbered* year, if such  
23 change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end  
24 of such period. The new method of election and voting plan in such school  
25 district shall be followed in the election of members next following such  
26 change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner  
27 provided in this act. Change of method of election or voting plan shall not  
28 shorten the term of any member serving on the board at the time the  
29 change is made, and the county election officer shall not submit to election  
30 any plan of change which violates this prohibition.

31 Sec. 55. K.S.A. 2-623, 12-344, 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004,  
32 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f,  
33 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007,  
34 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-  
35 1015, 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023,  
36 12-1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-  
37 1031, 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b,  
38 12-1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037,  
39 12-1038, 13-1220, 13-1221, 19-2680, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-202,  
40 25-209, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014,  
41 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-  
42 2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-1413, 71-1414,  
43 71-1417, 71-1419 and 72-8008 and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 2-624, 12-363, 24-

1 412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-213, 25-611, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102,  
2 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801 and 42-706 are hereby repealed.  
3 Sec. 56. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
4 publication in the statute book.