

HOUSE BILL No. 2214

By Committee on Elections

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Proposed Amendments for HB 2214
House Committee on Elections
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1 AN ACT concerning filling vacancies of certain offices and candidacies;
2 relating to the procedure of appointment; amending K.S.A. 2014 Supp.
3 25-3902 and 25-3904 and repealing the existing sections.

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3902 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-3902. (a) (1) Except as provided in K.S.A. 25-312a, and
8 amendments thereto, when a district convention is provided by law to be
9 held to elect a person to be appointed to fill a vacancy in a district office,
10 the county chairperson designated in subsection (b) or (c), within 21 days
11 of receipt of notice that a vacancy has occurred or will occur, shall call and
12 convene a convention of all committeemen and committeewomen of the
13 party of the precincts in such district for the purpose of electing a person to
14 be appointed by the governor to fill the vacancy. If such county
15 chairperson is absent or for any reason is unable to call, or refuses to call
16 such convention, then the county vice-chairperson shall call the
17 convention and perform the other duties under this section required of such
18 chairperson.

19 (2) *In the case of a vacancy in a district office resulting from the*
20 *death of an officer, the date of death shall be deemed to be the date of*
21 *notice for the purposes of subsection (a)(1).*

22 (b) If the district lies within a single county, the county chairperson of
23 such county shall call the convention by mailing a notice, at least seven
24 days before the date of the convention, to each precinct committeeman and
25 committeewoman who is entitled to vote at the convention pursuant to
26 subsection (e).

27 (c) If all or part of more than one county lies within the district, the
28 county chairperson of the county in which the greatest number of qualified
29 voters of the district reside shall call the convention by mailing a notice of
30 the convention to each county chairperson of the party in each such county
31 at least 10 days before the date of the convention. Such convention shall
32 be held at a location within the district selected by the chairperson calling
33 the convention. Such county chairperson, within three days after receipt of
34 such notice, shall mail notice of the convention to the committeemen and
35 committeewomen in their counties who are entitled to vote at the
36 convention pursuant to subsection (e).

If both the chairperson and the vice-chairperson are absent or for any reason are unable or refuse to call such convention, then the state party chairperson shall call the convention and perform the other duties under this section required of such chairperson.