

**Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 171**

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning elections and voting; relating to certain  
2 municipalities and special districts; amending K.S.A. 2-623, 13-1221,  
3 19-2760, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-209, 25-210, 25-212,  
4 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-  
5 2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-  
6 2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-2901, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-  
7 1413, 71-1414, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp.  
8 2-624, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-  
9 618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801  
10 and 42-706 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A.  
11 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b,  
12 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-  
13 1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-  
14 1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-  
15 1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-  
16 1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-  
17 1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-  
18 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037,  
19 12-1038, 19-2762 and 71-1417.

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

22 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2017, all primary  
23 elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of  
24 any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and  
25 on such date thereafter of odd-numbered years, and all general elections  
26 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any  
27 municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in  
28 November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

29 (b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected  
30 officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in 2017 shall  
31 expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected  
32 members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall  
33 take office.

34 (c) The governing body of the municipality shall establish by  
35 ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with  
36 this act.

1 (d) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as  
2 provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election  
3 shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021, and amendments  
4 thereto, and K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise  
5 required by law.

6 (e) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless  
7 otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and  
8 amendments thereto.

9 (f) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may  
10 become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to  
11 become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a  
12 filing fee of \$20.

13 (g) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created  
14 under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2014  
15 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, county adopting a charter  
16 under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, school district, any  
17 board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and  
18 amendments thereto, community college, drainage district, extension  
19 district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto,  
20 irrigation district, improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et  
21 seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501  
22 et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under K.S.A.  
23 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any  
24 special district where the election of members of the governing body is  
25 conducted at a meeting of the special district.

26 (h) Cities may provide for elections of elected officials in even-  
27 numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of office or for  
28 three-year terms of office for elected officials.

29 New Sec. 2. All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to  
30 a city's form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing  
31 of city primary and general elections, shall remain in effect until amended  
32 or repealed by such city.

33 New Sec. 3. (a) Subject to subsection (b), any city may adopt by  
34 ordinance one of the following forms of government:

- 35 (1) Commission;
- 36 (2) mayor-council;
- 37 (3) commission-manager;
- 38 (4) mayor-council-manager;
- 39 (5) council-manager; or
- 40 (6) any other form of government authorized by law or by ordinance  
41 or charter ordinance of the city.

42 (b) Any city which has operated for four or more years under a form  
43 of government may abandon such form and adopt a different form of

1 government. The provisions of K.S.A. 12-184, and amendments thereto,  
2 shall govern the procedure for the adoption or abandonment of such form  
3 of government.

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

6 (1) The powers and duties of the governing body, including the mayor  
7 and other elected officials;

8 (2) the terms of office of members of the governing body, including  
9 the mayor and other elected officials of either two or four years;

10 (3) the election by ward or district of members of the governing body,  
11 if applicable;

12 (4) the powers and duties of the city manager, if applicable;

13 (5) the administrative departments of the city; and

14 (6) other matters deemed appropriate by the governing body.

15 New Sec. 4. (a) All unified school districts shall make suitable school  
16 buildings available for polling places at the request of a county election  
17 officer for the county in which all or any portion of the school district is  
18 located.

19 (b) The county election officer shall give not less than 90 days' notice  
20 to the superintendent of the school district of the need to use one or more  
21 school buildings as polling places for any primary or general election.

22 (c) The terms "primary election" and "general election" shall have the  
23 meanings as provided in K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto.

24 New Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall develop a public  
25 information program to inform the public generally of changes made as a  
26 result of moving spring elections to fall elections. Such public information  
27 program shall include, at a minimum, the explanation of which public  
28 office elections are being transferred from spring to fall elections. The  
29 program shall include the use of advertisements and public service  
30 announcements as well as posting of information on the opening pages of  
31 the official internet websites of the secretary of state and county election  
32 officers. The secretary of state and county election officers shall develop  
33 dedicated websites to provide voter education and sample ballots for  
34 elections.

35 (b) The county election officers in consultation with the secretary of  
36 state shall develop ways to reduce the ballot length and expedite the voting  
37 process on election days.

38 New Sec. 6. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the official  
39 primary ballot for municipal offices.

40 (b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be  
41 prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations shall be filed with the  
42 county election officer not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary  
43 election in odd-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday

1 or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday,  
2 Sunday or holiday.

3 (c) For municipalities where a primary election is not authorized or  
4 otherwise required by law, the declaration of intent to become a candidate  
5 shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon,  
6 September 1, prior to the general election in odd-numbered years, or if  
7 such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of  
8 the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

9 (d) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures  
10 for primary elections for municipalities.

11 (e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to  
12 implement this section.

13 New Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, may be  
14 cited as and shall be known as the help Kansas vote act.

15 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a)  
16 Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils may  
17 establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such  
18 councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to  
19 combine the extension programs for each county involved into one  
20 extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall  
21 be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1)  
22 The board of county commissioners of each county included in the  
23 proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)  
24 the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the  
25 proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state  
26 university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized  
27 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in  
28 accordance with subsection (h).

29 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils  
30 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a  
31 new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with  
32 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and  
33 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district  
34 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils  
35 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement  
36 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:  
37 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the  
38 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)  
39 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being  
40 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing  
41 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university  
42 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized  
43 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in

1 accordance with subsection (h).

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

11 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
12 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension  
13 programs which are combined into the new district extension programs  
14 shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the  
15 authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance  
16 with the agreement to establish the extension district.

17 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
18 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the  
19 establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to  
20 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all  
21 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their  
22 appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for  
23 terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an  
24 election held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year~~  
25 ~~following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending~~  
26 ~~upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held~~  
27 ~~on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following~~  
28 ~~their appointment following the first Monday in November of the first odd-~~  
29 ~~numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve~~  
30 ~~for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at~~  
31 ~~an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November~~  
32 ~~of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment.~~

33 (f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing  
34 extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners  
35 of each county being included in an existing extension district shall  
36 appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the  
37 governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so  
38 appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the  
39 members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the  
40 election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the ~~first~~  
41 ~~Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their~~  
42 ~~appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the~~  
43 ~~election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first~~

1 ~~Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their~~  
2 ~~appointment Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first~~  
3 ~~odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall~~  
4 ~~serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their~~  
5 ~~successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday~~  
6 ~~in November of the second odd-numbered year following their~~  
7 ~~appointment. The offices of the members of the governing body of the~~  
8 existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in  
9 such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded  
10 extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their  
11 existing terms of office.

12 (g) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement entered  
13 into under this section shall specify the permissible method or methods to  
14 be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the extension  
15 district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the extension  
16 district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

17 (h) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A. 2-  
18 628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to its  
19 entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney general who shall  
20 determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with  
21 this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney general shall approve  
22 any agreement submitted for approval under this section or K.S.A. 2-628,  
23 and amendments thereto, unless the attorney general finds that the  
24 submitted agreement does not meet the requirements of this act. In such  
25 case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the proposed parties to  
26 the agreement and to each other entity required to approve the agreement,  
27 the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the  
28 requirements of law. Failure by the attorney general to disapprove an  
29 agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection within 90 days of its  
30 submission shall constitute approval of the agreement by the attorney  
31 general.

32 (i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of  
33 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed  
34 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing  
35 extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a  
36 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to  
37 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included  
38 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each  
39 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If,  
40 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in  
41 opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county  
42 in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified  
43 electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such

1 board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the  
2 county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the  
3 same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county  
4 voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special  
5 election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall  
6 be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-  
7 120, and amendments thereto.

8 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be  
10 composed of four representatives from each county included in the  
11 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first  
12 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four  
13 members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected  
14 in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

15 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to  
16 membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the  
17 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such  
18 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall  
19 commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member  
20 elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and  
21 qualified.

22 (c) (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this act, an~~ *The* election to  
23 elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are  
24 expiring shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ *following the first*  
25 *Monday in November* of each odd-numbered year.

26 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an  
27 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results  
28 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections  
29 except as otherwise provided by this act. ~~Not later than 12 noon of the~~  
30 ~~Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years,~~  
31 ~~each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing~~  
32 ~~body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by~~  
33 ~~a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county represented~~  
34 ~~by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as~~  
35 ~~a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such~~  
36 ~~filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.~~  
37 ~~The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the~~  
38 ~~names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order~~  
39 ~~Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body~~  
40 ~~shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election~~  
41 ~~officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body~~  
42 ~~whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in~~  
43 ~~the manner as provided in section 6, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A.~~

1 25-205, and amendments thereto.

2 (3) ~~The county election officer of each county within the extension~~  
3 ~~district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections~~  
4 ~~and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election~~  
5 ~~officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the~~  
6 ~~district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the~~  
7 ~~judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each~~  
8 ~~election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a~~  
9 ~~newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in~~  
10 ~~the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding~~  
11 ~~thereof shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper~~  
12 ~~published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and~~  
13 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.~~

14 (4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.  
15 ~~Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under~~  
16 ~~the general election laws.~~

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

21 (e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize  
22 annually in ~~July~~ *January* by electing from among its members a  
23 chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

24 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
25 1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members, three  
26 of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three of  
27 which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each of  
28 the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). *Members of the board*  
29 *shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis.* Members elected to the board of  
30 public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold their offices for  
31 terms of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.  
32 Each of the members elected from districts shall be qualified voters of the  
33 districts from which elected. Elections of members of the board shall be  
34 held at the ~~time of the general city election~~ *in odd-numbered years.* ~~The~~  
35 ~~provisions of article 17 of chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,~~  
36 ~~pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall govern so far as~~  
37 ~~applicable.~~

38 (b) The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-  
39 president and shall appoint a secretary. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of~~  
40 ~~K.S.A. 13-1222, relating to a quorum for the transaction of business and a~~  
41 ~~vote for action by the board,~~ Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be  
42 filled by a majority vote of the members remaining on the board. Where a  
43 vacancy has occurred in the membership of any board of public utilities, a



1 member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next city-  
 2 *November in odd-numbered years* election, at which time a successor shall  
 3 be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

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

8 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 9 2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the  
 10 Tuesday following the first Monday in November ~~of 1978~~ and of each  
 11 even-numbered year thereafter for the purpose of electing three directors  
 12 of such district, except that the first election following the establishment of  
 13 such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of county  
 14 commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

15 (b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of  
 16 two years, ~~except that directors elected prior to the Tuesday following the~~  
 17 ~~first Monday in November, 1978, and directors elected at the first election~~  
 18 ~~following the establishment of the district shall serve until their successors~~  
 19 ~~are elected.~~

20 (c) ~~(1) From and after July 1, 2006, Each director shall:~~

21 ~~(A) (1) Own land within the improvement district; or~~

22 ~~(B) (2) reside in the improvement district.~~

23 ~~(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), each director~~  
 24 ~~elected on or before June 30, 2006, shall be allowed to serve the remainder~~  
 25 ~~of such director's current term of office.~~

26 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 27 3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body  
 28 of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member  
 29 board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member  
 30 shall be elected and shall hold office from ~~May 1 following such member's~~  
 31 ~~election until April 30, the second Monday in January succeeding such~~  
 32 ~~member's election until~~ four years thereafter and until a successor is  
 33 elected and has qualified.

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

1 ~~April of each odd-numbered year~~ *following the first Monday in November*  
2 *of each odd-numbered year* for the member positions whose terms expire  
3 in that year.

4 (b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water  
5 district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991,  
6 positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the  
7 election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-  
8 year terms.

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

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

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

41 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
42 3507. ~~The water district election shall be held in each election precinct, a~~  
43 ~~part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no~~

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

17 ~~Any~~ *Any* qualified persons ~~person~~ desiring to be voted upon as a  
18 candidate for a position as a member of such board shall ~~on or before~~  
19 12:00 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first  
20 Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date  
21 shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, file a candidate's  
22 declaration of intention in the manner provided in section 6, and  
23 amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto, with  
24 the county election officer, a statement directing such officer to place such  
25 person's name on the ballot as a candidate for member of the board of the  
26 water district in such election, indicating the number of the position for  
27 which such person is filing. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw  
28 as a candidate after the deadline for filing such statements of candidacy.  
29 There shall be no primary election for members of the water district board.  
30 The county election officer shall publish names of all candidates in a  
31 newspaper of general circulation within the water district ~~not less than 10~~  
32 days before such election *in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and*  
33 *amendments thereto.* The county election officer shall provide for use of  
34 voting machines or printed ballots in each election precinct or voting  
35 place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall be done at the  
36 expense of the water district. The names of candidates for each member  
37 position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that each  
38 candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such candidate's  
39 name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being conducted  
40 in an election precinct or voting place is the water district election, The  
41 cost of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting place shall  
42 be borne entirely by the water district, but where held in conjunction with  
43 other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided by article

1 ~~22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments~~  
2 ~~thereto.~~

3 ~~At least five days before any election, the county election officers of~~  
4 ~~the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in~~  
5 ~~cooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas~~  
6 ~~where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district~~  
7 ~~and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and~~  
8 ~~located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which~~  
9 ~~contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified~~  
10 ~~electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list~~  
11 ~~of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be~~  
12 ~~furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the voting~~  
13 ~~precincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote.~~

14 ~~(b) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the water district.~~

15 ~~(c) Qualified electors of any election precinct, the entirety part or all~~  
16 ~~of which is within the water district, shall be entitled to vote in such~~  
17 ~~precinct and a separate list of their names need not be furnished.~~

18 ~~A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinct other than~~  
19 ~~the one in which such person resides unless no election is being held in~~  
20 ~~such precinct, in which event, such voter shall be entitled to vote in the~~  
21 ~~voting place designated by the county election officer.~~

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

32 ~~Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as~~  
33 ~~follows: 24-412. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as~~  
34 ~~otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in~~  
35 ~~each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April,~~  
36 ~~1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first~~  
37 ~~Tuesday in April, to choose directors *An election to choose three directors*~~  
38 ~~*in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in*~~  
39 ~~*November of 2017, and an election shall be held each four years*~~  
40 ~~*thereafter, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to*~~  
41 ~~*choose directors. Any director elected in any district in 2015 shall hold*~~  
42 ~~*such office until such successor is elected and qualified.*~~

43 ~~(b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage~~

1 district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in  
2 K.S.A. ~~2012~~ 2014 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

3 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as  
4 follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the  
5 returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for  
6 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and ~~all~~  
7 ~~persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not~~  
8 ~~later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in~~  
9 ~~April in election years, file a declaration of candidaey, any qualified~~  
10 ~~person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate's~~  
11 ~~declaration of intention in the manner provided in section 6, and~~  
12 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto,~~  
13 accompanied by a filing fee of ~~\$5~~ \$20, with the county election officer of  
14 the county wherein the district is located, ~~as a candidate in such election,~~  
15 and the election officer in making up the ballots ~~and in placing the names~~  
16 ~~thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the~~  
17 ~~returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and~~  
18 ~~canvassed by the board of directors.~~ The county election officer shall remit  
19 such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general  
20 fund. ~~The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage~~  
21 ~~district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for~~  
22 ~~other elections and shall designate places for holding the election.~~ The  
23 county ~~clerk~~ *election officer* shall cause to be ascertained the names of all  
24 persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish  
25 lists thereof to the judges of the election.

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

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

43 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as

1 follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district  
2 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, *and amendments thereto*, shall  
3 consist of three qualified persons as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection~~  
4 ~~(e) of this section~~(3).

5 (b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the  
6 drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the  
7 incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county  
8 commissioners to which the petition is presented.

9 (c) The directors shall hold office until the ~~first Tuesday in April next~~  
10 *second Monday in January of the next even-numbered year* after the  
11 incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter  
12 directors shall be elected *at the November odd-year elections* and shall  
13 hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are  
14 elected and qualified.

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

17 (e) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

34 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.  
35 Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed  
36 drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of ~~said the~~  
37 drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state  
38 shall report ~~such the~~ fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall ~~forthwith~~  
39 declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in ~~said the~~  
40 petition and set forth in the reports of ~~said the~~ commissioners to constitute  
41 a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within ~~such the~~  
42 bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be incorporated as a  
43 drainage district under the name designated in ~~said the~~ petition, and

1 ~~thenceforth the said~~ territory and the freeholders thereof, who are residents  
2 of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic  
3 and corporate under ~~said the~~ corporate name and shall give perpetual  
4 succession.

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

19 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows: 24-506. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district  
21 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto,  
22 shall consist of one person from each county in the district if the number  
23 of counties is odd, but if the number of counties is even, then there shall be  
24 an additional director at large. If the drainage district is located wholly  
25 within one county, the number of directors shall be three. Except as  
26 provided in subsection (b), the directors shall be freeholders who shall be  
27 residents of Kansas, whose lands in whole or in part are located within the  
28 district. The directors shall hold their offices for a term of four years and  
29 until their successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose  
30 directors, except the first, shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~  
31 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next odd-*  
32 *numbered year* and every four years thereafter.

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

36 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 25-204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-204.  
37 On or before April second in even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years  
38 before the time of holding the statewide primary election *or the municipal*  
39 *primary election*, the secretary of state shall prepare and transmit to each  
40 county election officer a notice in writing, designating the offices for  
41 which candidates are to be nominated at such statewide primary election.  
42 Upon receipt of such notice each county election officer shall forthwith  
43 publish so much thereof as may be applicable to his county, once each

1 week for three consecutive weeks, in the official county paper. ~~Such The~~  
2 notice ~~so published~~ shall state the time when ~~such the~~ primary election will  
3 be held, together with the offices for which candidates are to be  
4 nominated.

5 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as  
6 follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
7 names of candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall  
8 be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified  
9 to become a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: (1)  
10 They shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than 12 noon, June 1,  
11 prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or  
12 a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a  
13 Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this  
14 act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination  
15 petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of  
16 intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law.  
17 Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

18 (b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:

19 I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of \_\_\_\_\_, and  
20 state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ party, hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_, who resides in  
22 the township of \_\_\_\_\_ (or at number \_\_\_\_\_ on  
23 \_\_\_\_\_ street, city of \_\_\_\_\_), in the county of  
24 \_\_\_\_\_ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here  
25 specify the office) \_\_\_\_\_, to be voted for at the primary  
26 election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in \_\_\_\_\_, as  
27 representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend  
28 to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will  
29 not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at  
30 such primary election.

31 (HEADING)

32 Name of                      Street Number                      Name of                      Date of  
33 Signers.                      or Rural Route                      City.                      Signing.  
34                                      (as registered).

35 All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form,  
36 written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless it  
37 is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

38 (c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such  
39 petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to  
40 support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's  
41 signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or,  
42 otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the  
43 place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing



1 given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address  
2 they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or  
3 pasted together.

4 (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the  
5 same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit  
6 described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A.  
7 2014 Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be  
8 appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of  
9 documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the  
10 circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the  
11 candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person  
12 whose name appears thereon.

13 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination  
14 petitions shall be signed:

15 (1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office  
16 of United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of  
17 the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the state  
18 as compiled by the office of the secretary of state;

19 (2) if for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide  
20 basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the  
21 current voter registration of the party designated in such district as  
22 compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office of  
23 district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current  
24 voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such office  
25 is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with  
26 K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

27 (3) if for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than  
28 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in  
29 such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and  
30 certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and  
31 amendments thereto; and

32 (4) if for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than  
33 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in  
34 such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to  
35 the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments  
36 thereto.

37 (f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments  
38 thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a  
39 majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a  
40 separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of  
41 such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate  
42 state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or  
43 districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

1 (g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of  
2 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in  
3 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of  
4 education:

5 (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the  
6 manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, nomination petitions for  
7 nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not  
8 less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party  
9 designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

10 (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the  
11 manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, nomination petitions for  
12 nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of  
13 the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the  
14 following:

15 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress  
16 1,000 registered voters;

17 (B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300  
18 registered voters;

19 (C) for the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and

20 (D) for the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

21 (h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of  
22 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in  
23 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of  
24 education:

25 (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the  
26 manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, the deadline for filing  
27 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate  
28 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon  
29 on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then  
30 before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or  
31 holiday.

32 (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the  
33 manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, the deadline for filing  
34 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate  
35 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon  
36 on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then  
37 before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

38 (i) *Primary elections for candidates for municipal office shall be held*  
39 *when otherwise required by law. The names of candidates for municipal*  
40 *offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot in odd-numbered*  
41 *year elections when each shall have qualified to become a candidate by*  
42 *one of the following methods:*

43 (1) *They shall have filed, not later than 12 noon, on June 1, prior to*

1 *such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a*  
2 *holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a*  
3 *Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as otherwise*  
4 *provided by law; or*

5 *(2) they shall have filed, not later than the time for filing nomination*  
6 *petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of*  
7 *intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the \$20 fee required by*  
8 *law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state as*  
9 *provided in section 6.*

10 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-209.

11 *(a) As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state shall*  
12 *certify to each county election officer the name and post-office address of*  
13 *each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a declaration of*  
14 *intent to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or*  
15 *for state office, together with the designation of the office for which each*  
16 *is a candidate and the party or principle which the candidate represents.*

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

31 *(c) The secretary of state shall utilize the procedures established in*  
32 *this section to the extent applicable for municipal elections conducted in*  
33 *the fall of odd-numbered years.*

34 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 25-210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-210.

35 *(a) The official primary election ballot for national and state offices and*  
36 *the official primary election ballot for county and township offices of each*  
37 *political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed, voted, and*  
38 *canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided by law for*  
39 *the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official general ballots*  
40 *for national and state offices and official general ballots for county and*  
41 *township offices, except as otherwise provided by law.*

42 *(b) The official primary election ballot for municipal elections in*  
43 *odd-numbered years shall be arranged, printed, voted and canvassed in*

1 *the manner as provided by law.*

2 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-212.  
3 (a) In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention to  
4 become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than  
5 one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same  
6 party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the  
7 state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names  
8 to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly  
9 equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without  
10 dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state  
11 shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the  
12 secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such  
13 party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of  
14 the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of  
15 counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party  
16 members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the  
17 alphabetical list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular order and in  
18 certifying to the county election officer the list of names for whom  
19 nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have  
20 been filed, shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list  
21 in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on  
22 with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or  
23 pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one  
24 division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth.  
25 When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district  
26 judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state  
27 board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary  
28 of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each  
29 candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state  
30 senator, state representative or state board of education member in any  
31 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name  
32 first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of  
33 state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the  
34 district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices  
35 according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of  
36 names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting  
37 machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct.

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

1 (b) The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall establish the  
2 arrangement of names for the official primary ballot for municipal  
3 elections.

4 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as  
5 follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the  
6 national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be  
7 printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state  
8 offices and the county and township offices as specified for each in this  
9 section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county  
10 and township offices.

11 (b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following  
12 heading:

13 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

14 \_\_\_\_\_ Party  
15 To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross  
16 or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a  
17 person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in  
18 the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the  
19 square to the left.

20 The words national and state or the words county and township shall  
21 appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

22 The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for  
23 whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to  
24 law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and  
25 state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States  
26 representative from \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor,  
27 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of  
28 insurance, senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, representative \_\_\_\_\_ district, district  
29 judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district  
30 attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and member state board of education  
31 \_\_\_\_\_ district. For county and township offices the form shall be followed  
32 by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations  
33 have been filed according to law for political parties having primary  
34 elections in the following order: Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district, county clerk,  
35 treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee,  
36 township treasurer, township clerk. When any office is not to be elected, it  
37 shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed,  
38 shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a  
39 statement of the number to vote for.

40 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official  
41 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The  
42 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be  
43 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are

1 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the  
2 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line  
3 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in  
4 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be  
5 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or  
6 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct  
7 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

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

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

42 (e) *The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall develop the*  
43 *official ballot for municipal elections in odd-numbered year elections.*

1       Sec. 25. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.  
2       (a) The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer  
3 forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall  
4 prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official  
5 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such  
6 rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have  
7 an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to  
8 which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any  
9 national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or part  
10 thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for  
11 each particular office. In making such division the secretary of state shall  
12 divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required  
13 number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal  
14 as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as  
15 compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in  
16 certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers,  
17 shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for  
18 each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that  
19 every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in  
20 each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices  
21 elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it  
22 impossible to make a division which allows each such candidate in any  
23 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's  
24 name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the  
25 secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various  
26 counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such  
27 district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The  
28 names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service  
29 therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their  
30 respective terms.

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

34       (b) *The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot*  
35 *styles for general elections in odd-numbered year elections for*  
36 *municipalities by rules and regulations.*

37       Sec. 26. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as  
38 follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general  
39 ballot for national and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be  
40 in the following order: Names of candidates for the offices of president  
41 and vice-president, United States senator, United States representative  
42 \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,  
43 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the

1 state as a whole), state senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, state representative \_\_\_\_\_  
2 district, district judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_  
3 district, district attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and state board of  
4 education member \_\_\_\_\_ district.

5 (b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for  
6 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices for those offices to be elected  
7 shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county  
8 commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of  
9 deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer; *and*  
10 township clerk.

11 (c) *The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for*  
12 *municipalities in odd-numbered year elections shall be established by the*  
13 *secretary of state by rules and regulations.*

14 Sec. 27. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-618 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 25-618. (a) The official general ballot for county and township  
16 offices may be separate from the official general ballot for national and  
17 state offices or may be combined with the official general ballot provided  
18 for in K.S.A. 25-601, and amendments thereto. The secretary of state shall  
19 prescribe the ballot format but the ballot shall be substantially in the form  
20 shown in this section and K.S.A. 25-611, and amendments thereto.

21 STATE OF KANSAS  
22 OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT  
23 County and Township Offices  
24 County of \_\_\_\_\_, City (or Township) of \_\_\_\_\_  
25 November \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ year  
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To vote for a person, make a cross or check mark in the square at the  
28 left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed  
29 on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and make a cross  
30 or check mark in the square to the left.

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32 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
33 \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT

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39 FOR COUNTY CLERK

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FOR COUNTY TREASURER

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And continuing in like manner for all county and township offices to be elected.

(b) *The official general ballot for municipalities shall be established by the secretary of state by rules and regulations.*

Sec. 28. K.S.A. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the Tuesday ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

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

Sec. 29. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county election officer where ~~such~~ *the* person is a resident, or where ~~such~~ *the* person is authorized by law to vote as a former precinct resident, an application for an advance voting ballot. The signed application shall be transmitted only to the county election officer by personal delivery, mail, facsimile or as otherwise provided by law.

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

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

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

- (1) The voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid

1 identification; or

2 (2) the name and address of the voter provided on the application for  
3 an advance voting ballot do not match the voter's name and address on the  
4 registration book. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as  
5 defined in K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, to the county election  
6 officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the  
7 meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county  
8 board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of  
9 identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding  
10 provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a  
11 voter's identification is valid and the provisional ballot was properly cast,  
12 the ballot shall be counted.

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

16 (1) The county election official verifies that the signature of the  
17 person matches that on file in the county voter registration records.  
18 Signature verification may occur by electronic device or by human  
19 inspection. In the event that the signature of a person who is requesting an  
20 advance voting ballot does not match that on file, the county election  
21 officer shall attempt to contact the person and shall offer the person  
22 another opportunity to provide ~~such~~ the person's signature for the purposes  
23 of verifying the person's identity. If the county election officer is unable to  
24 reach the person, the county election officer may transmit a provisional  
25 ballot, however, such provisional ballot may not be counted unless a  
26 signature is included therewith that can be verified; and

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

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

1 (1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August  
2 in *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, between April 1 of such  
3 year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary  
4 election.

5 (2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday ~~succeeding~~  
6 *following* the first Monday in November in *both* even-numbered *and odd-*  
7 *numbered* years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last  
8 business day of the week preceding such general election.

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

12 ~~(4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April,~~  
13 ~~between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of~~  
14 ~~the week preceding such general election.~~

15 ~~(5)~~ (3) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a  
16 primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election  
17 of officers at such election.

18 ~~(6)~~ (4) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a  
19 primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice  
20 thereof and the last business day of the week preceding such question  
21 submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on  
22 a day other than a Tuesday, the county election officer shall determine the  
23 final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be  
24 more than three business days before such election.

25 ~~(7)~~ (5) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified  
26 by the secretary of state.

27 ~~(8)~~ (6) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of  
28 the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the  
29 week preceding such primary election.

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

34 (g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office,  
35 applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in  
36 the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next  
37 preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later  
38 than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election  
39 officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to  
40 the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be  
41 filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such  
42 properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to  
43 the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

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

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

12 (h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has  
13 been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an  
14 application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for  
15 permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such  
16 information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and  
17 also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to  
18 permanent advance voting status.

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

1 (j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in  
 2 ~~two~~ *four* consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the  
 3 first Monday in November of each even-numbered *and odd-numbered*  
 4 year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. ~~Such~~ *The*  
 5 notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from  
 6 the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application  
 7 for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is  
 8 mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election  
 9 officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting  
 10 list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status  
 11 shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration  
 12 list.

13 (k) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to  
 14 implement the provisions of this section and to define valid forms of  
 15 identification.

16 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 17 2006. (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on  
 18 ~~the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year,~~ *Tuesday following*  
 19 *the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years,* and in the case of  
 20 special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
 21 which any such officer is finally elected.

22 (b) "Primary election" means the election held ~~five weeks preceding~~  
 23 ~~the election~~ on the first Tuesday ~~in April~~ *following the first Monday in*  
 24 *August of each odd-numbered year,* and any other preliminary election at  
 25 which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are  
 26 eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally  
 27 elected.

28 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 29 2007. (a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a  
 30 special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of  
 31 them.

32 (b) "County election officer" means:

33 (1) The election commissioner of the home county of the school  
 34 district if such county has an election commissioner;

35 (2) the county clerk of the home county of the school district if the  
 36 county does not have an election commissioner; *and*

37 (3) the county clerk ~~(, or the election commissioner if there is one),~~ of  
 38 the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in  
 39 the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists  
 40 concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this  
 41 subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such  
 42 specification shall be conclusive.

43 (c) "Filing deadline" means ~~the hour, date or time after which it is~~

1 provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public  
2 office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the  
3 Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any  
4 ~~odd-numbered year~~ *the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and*  
5 *amendments thereto.*

6 Sec. 32. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
7 2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections shall be  
8 conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the school  
9 district. Board member general elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday~~  
10 ~~in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is required to be~~  
11 ~~held, such Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-~~  
12 ~~numbered years. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday~~  
13 ~~preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years~~  
14 *in August of odd-numbered years.*

15 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
16 2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
17 school elections shall be listed in ~~the various possible orders in rotation~~  
18 *order as provided in K.S.A. 25-212 and 25-610, and amendments thereto.*

19 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
20 2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe  
21 the form ~~and time~~ of every publication notice applicable to any primary or  
22 general school election.

23 Sec. 35. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
24 2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted  
25 elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

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

34 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form  
35 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part  
36 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this  
37 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe  
38 any particular form.

39 (d) ~~Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ *At the*  
40 *time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments*  
41 *thereto,* a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county  
42 election officer in a newspaper having general circulation in the school  
43 district, if a primary election is required to be held. The publication shall

1 be made one time and shall state: (1) The name of the school district;; (2)  
2 the date of the primary election;; (3) the names of the candidates and the  
3 office or position for which each is a candidate;; (4) the voting place or  
4 places and the area each voting place is to serve;; *and* (5) the times of  
5 opening and closing of the polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms  
6 determined by the county election officer.

7 ~~(e) Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ *At the*  
8 *time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments*  
9 *thereto*, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county  
10 election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the  
11 school district. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district;;  
12 (2) the date of the general election;; (3) the names of the candidates and  
13 the office or position for which each is a candidate;; (4) the voting place or  
14 places and the area each voting place is to serve;; *and* (5) the time of  
15 opening and closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as  
16 may be determined by the county election officer.

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

26 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as  
27 follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any  
28 school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board  
29 member by any one of the following methods:

30 (1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition  
31 to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which  
32 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election  
33 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors  
34 residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to  
35 not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district,  
36 whichever is less.

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

42 (3) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become  
43 a candidate for board member from the member district in which such

1 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of  
2 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing  
3 fee in the amount of ~~-\$5~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the  
4 secretary of state.

5 (4) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a  
6 candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such  
7 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of  
8 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing  
9 fee in the amount of ~~-\$5~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the  
10 secretary of state.

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

13 (b) When the election at large method is in effect in any school  
14 district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by  
15 either one of the following methods:

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

20 (2) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may  
21 become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election  
22 officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment  
23 therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~-\$5~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be  
24 prescribed by the secretary of state.

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

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

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

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

42 Sec. 37. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
43 2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy



1 which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired  
 2 term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in  
 3 a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that  
 4 the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the  
 5 board not sooner than ~~fifteen (15)~~ 15 days after such publication. If such  
 6 vacancy occurs before ~~January 1 of an odd-numbered year~~ *May 1 of the*  
 7 *second year of the term* leaving an unexpired term of more than two years  
 8 such appointee shall serve until the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday in January* after  
 9 the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, ~~or~~  
 10 ~~any and amendments thereto.~~

11 In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing ~~July~~  
 12 ~~on the second Monday in January~~ after the following general school  
 13 election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and  
 14 returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as  
 15 follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

16 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 17 2023. ~~Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with the~~  
 18 ~~election officer not later than ten (10) days~~ *The term of office of each*  
 19 *board member shall commence on the second Monday in January*  
 20 ~~following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after~~  
 21 ~~issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later~~  
 22 ~~date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following the~~  
 23 ~~general school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an~~  
 24 ~~oath of office with the county election office.~~ Each member elected to a  
 25 board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or  
 26 appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four ~~(4)~~ years.

27 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as  
 28 follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held  
 29 on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of *both* even-  
 30 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~  
 31 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to  
 32 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

33 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first  
 34 Tuesday in August of ~~even-numbered~~ *both even-numbered and odd-*  
 35 *numbered* years, ~~the election held five weeks preceding the election on the~~  
 36 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of  
 37 the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city ~~or~~  
 38 school *or municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but  
 39 at which no officer is finally elected.

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

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

1       Sec. 40. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
2 2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the ~~first~~  
3 ~~Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by~~  
4 ~~charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12,~~  
5 ~~section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of~~  
6 ~~city officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers~~  
7 ~~shall be two (2) years: Provided, however, That the provisions of this~~  
8 ~~section shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter~~  
9 ~~ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than~~  
10 ~~one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000)~~  
11 ~~located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand~~  
12 ~~(50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance~~  
13 ~~had become effective prior to April 30, 1968 Tuesday following the first~~  
14 ~~Monday in November of odd-numbered years.~~

15       (b) *A primary may be held on the first Tuesday in August of each*  
16 *odd-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments*  
17 *thereto, and as provided in K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.*

18       Sec. 41. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as  
19 follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on  
20 the *first Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of*  
21 *every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided*  
22 *in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each odd-*  
23 *numbered year.*

24       (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there  
25 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the  
26 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary  
27 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates  
28 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the  
29 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there  
30 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall  
31 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed  
32 on the ballots in the general election.

33       (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in  
34 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there  
35 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there  
36 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of  
37 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest  
38 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the  
39 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of  
40 candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary  
41 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in  
42 the general election.

43       (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names

1 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates  
2 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office  
3 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The  
4 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name  
5 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote  
6 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary  
7 city election ballots.

8 Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
9 2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be ~~12:00 o'clock noon~~  
10 ~~of the Tuesday preceding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at 12~~  
11 ~~noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

12 Sec. 43. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as  
13 follows: 25-2110. (a) ~~In cities of the first and second class, any person~~  
14 ~~desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file~~  
15 ~~with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy~~  
16 ~~on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the~~  
17 ~~secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing~~  
18 ~~under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the~~  
19 ~~filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the~~  
20 ~~county election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to~~  
21 ~~become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county~~  
22 ~~election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the county~~  
23 ~~in which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into~~  
24 ~~more than one county, or the city clerk, before the filing deadline,~~  
25 ~~established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a~~  
26 ~~declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election~~  
27 ~~officer as specified by the secretary of state.~~

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

33 (c) ~~In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than~~  
34 ~~100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 or, in~~  
35 ~~lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the~~  
36 ~~city or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less~~  
37 ~~than 1% of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election,~~  
38 ~~whichever is less.~~

39 (d) ~~In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such~~  
40 ~~filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50; or, in lieu of such filing~~  
41 ~~fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a~~  
42 ~~number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots cast at~~  
43 ~~the last general city election, whichever is less~~ *The number of qualified*

1 *electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition, shall be*  
 2 *established by the city governing body by passage of an ordinance.*

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

7 ~~(f)~~ (d) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid,  
 8 the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the  
 9 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or  
 10 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.  
 11 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the  
 12 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and  
 13 amendments thereto.

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

18 Sec. 44. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 19 2113. ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,~~ City elections  
 20 shall be nonpartisan or partisan as determined by the governing body and  
 21 shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes  
 22 Annotated, and amendments thereto. Laws applicable to elections  
 23 occurring at the same time as city elections shall apply to city elections  
 24 to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

25 ~~(b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the~~  
 26 ~~first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized~~  
 27 ~~by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a~~  
 28 ~~general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not~~  
 29 ~~in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to~~  
 30 ~~election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies,~~  
 31 ~~shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b).~~  
 32 ~~The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot~~  
 33 ~~labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall~~  
 34 ~~make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as~~  
 35 ~~may be necessary for the conduct of such elections:~~

36 Sec. 45. K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 37 2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
 38 city elections in cities of the first and second class shall be listed in the  
 39 various possible orders in rotation as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and  
 40 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-610, and amendments thereto.

41 Sec. 46. K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 42 2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall  
 43 promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election

1 results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall  
2 commence ~~with and include the first regular meeting of the governing~~  
3 ~~body on the second Monday in January~~ following certification of the  
4 election.

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

9 Sec. 47. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as  
10 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the  
11 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the  
12 following:

13 (1) Days when the main offices of the county government are closed  
14 for business, except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer  
15 under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

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

20 (3) the 20 days preceding the day of primary and general ~~state~~-  
21 elections;

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

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

26 ~~(6) (4) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one~~  
27 ~~specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and~~

28 ~~(7) (5) the day of any primary or general election or any question~~  
29 ~~submitted election.~~

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

33 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of  
34 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general  
35 ~~state, city and school~~ elections. The days so specified by the secretary of  
36 state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of  
37 state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general ~~state,~~  
38 ~~city and school~~ election.

39 (d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by  
40 the secretary of state under subsection (c) ~~of this section~~, county election  
41 officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business  
42 hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon  
43 such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three

1 business days before closing of registration books prior to ~~state~~ primary  
 2 and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration  
 3 of voters until 9 p.m. in ~~cities of the first and second class~~ *any city*.

4 (e) County election officers shall accept and process applications  
 5 received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles  
 6 not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter  
 7 registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
 8 preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or  
 9 missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the  
 10 day of any election.

11 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting  
 12 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration  
 13 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed, and days when it is  
 14 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or  
 15 closed.

16 (g) Before each primary and general election held in ~~even-numbered~~  
 17 *odd-numbered* years, and at times and in a form prescribed by the  
 18 secretary of state, each county election officer shall certify to the secretary  
 19 of state the number of registered voters in each precinct of the county as  
 20 shown by the registration books in the office of such county election  
 21 officer.

22 Sec. 48. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 23 2502. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the  
 24 Tuesday ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-  
 25 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~  
 26 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to  
 27 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

28 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first  
 29 Tuesday in August of *both even-numbered and odd-numbered* years, ~~the~~  
 30 ~~election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in~~  
 31 ~~April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates  
 32 for special election to any national, state, county, township, city ~~or~~, school  
 33 *or other municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but  
 34 at which no officer is finally elected.

35 Sec. 49. K.S.A. 25-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 36 2804. (a) Each person recommended as provided in ~~subsection (a) of~~  
 37 K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area  
 38 served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

39 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and  
 40 clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which  
 41 they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other  
 42 than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to  
 43 be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint

1 persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or  
2 clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an  
3 elector *and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher,*  
4 *counselor or administrator.* No more than ~~one person~~ *two persons* under  
5 the age of 18 may be appointed to each election board.

6 (c) The county election officer may establish a pool of trained judges  
7 and clerks who shall be recommended by the county chairpersons  
8 specified in ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto.  
9 Judges and clerks in such pool may serve at voting places other than their  
10 own if:

11 (1) The chairpersons specified in ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 25-  
12 2803(a), and amendments thereto, or either of them, have failed to make  
13 appropriate recommendations;

14 (2) it is impossible to obtain judges and clerks for a voting place in  
15 any other way; or

16 (3) voting machines are used, in which case the third judge, who shall  
17 be trained in the use of voting machines, need not necessarily live in the  
18 area of the voting place.

19 (d) Any judge or clerk serving in a voting place not located in the  
20 area in which such judge or clerk resides or serving on a special election  
21 board established under ~~subsection (e) of~~ K.S.A. 25-1133(c), and  
22 amendments thereto, shall be allowed to vote an advance voting ballot in  
23 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-1119, and amendments  
24 thereto, or shall be excused from duties as such judge or clerk to vote at  
25 the voting place in the area where such judge or clerk resides.

26 Sec. 50. K.S.A. 25-2901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
27 2901. When a voter receives a ballot, or set of ballots, such voter shall go  
28 promptly and directly to one of the voting booths and mark the ballots  
29 therein. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth already occupied by  
30 another voter. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth more than ~~five~~  
31 *10* minutes if other voters are waiting to occupy the same. The voter shall  
32 mark the ballot by making a cross or check mark in the voting squares at  
33 the left of the names of candidates.

34 Sec. 51. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
35 3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
36 and such occurrence is not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ *90* days and not less than  
37 ~~thirty (30)~~ *30* days before any primary election ~~of state officers,~~  
38 the election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the  
39 primary election ~~of state officers.~~

40 (b) ~~In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and~~  
41 ~~such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty~~  
42 ~~(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school~~  
43 ~~officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in~~

1 ~~this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as~~  
2 ~~such primary or general election.~~

3 (e) (b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
4 and such occurrence is not more than ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days before any  
5 primary election ~~of state officers~~ and before the general election ~~of state~~  
6 ~~officers~~, at such general election votes cast for the office ~~of congressman~~  
7 *for members of congress* in the district in which such vacancy has occurred  
8 shall be deemed to be cast to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as  
9 well as for the election for the next regular term. The governor shall  
10 proclaim the date of the election to be the same as the general election ~~of~~  
11 ~~state officers.~~

12 (d) (c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
13 on or after the date of any general election ~~of state officers~~ and before the  
14 term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the  
15 office ~~of congressman~~ *for members of congress* in the district in which  
16 such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy  
17 for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term.  
18 The governor's approval of this act shall be deemed to proclaim that every  
19 regular election of a representative to the United States congress shall be  
20 an election for the unexpired term if any should occur, as well as election  
21 for the next regular term. In cases to which subsection ~~(e) of this section~~  
22 (b) or this subsection applies, the person elected for the next regular term  
23 shall be deemed to have been elected for the balance of the unexpired term  
24 also.

25 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election *held in August of a*  
27 *presidential election year*, the members of the party residing in each  
28 precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as  
29 precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct  
30 committeewoman *to serve four-year terms*. No person shall be eligible to  
31 be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct  
32 committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually  
33 lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all  
34 other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party  
35 on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.  
36 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office  
37 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by  
38 appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which  
39 occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall  
40 not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its  
41 chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinct  
42 committeemen and committeewomen, the county chairperson making the  
43 appointments shall notify the county election officer of such appointments.



1 The county election officer shall make such appointments public  
2 immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act, "primary election"  
3 means the statewide *presidential* election held in August of even-  
4 numbered years.

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

13 After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention  
14 held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and*  
15 *amendments thereto*, any vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman  
16 or committeewoman shall be filled as provided by subsection (a).

17 Sec. 53. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as  
18 follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of  
19 directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote  
20 as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) and residents of a county in which the  
21 district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in  
22 which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members  
23 shall hold office for a period of ~~three~~ two or four years, *such term of office*  
24 *being established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution*, and  
25 each shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. The  
26 members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an  
27 irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular  
28 election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of  
29 this section except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided  
30 in subsection (e) of this section.

31 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the  
32 incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the  
33 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted  
34 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of  
35 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief  
36 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating  
37 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as  
38 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or  
39 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed  
40 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places  
41 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more  
42 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the  
43 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of

1 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district  
2 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute  
3 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members  
4 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,  
5 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the  
6 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place  
7 of any absent member.

8 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres  
9 which was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish  
10 three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and  
11 designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall  
12 also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting  
13 area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director  
14 shall be elected ~~from each voting area and the person receiving the highest~~  
15 ~~number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving~~  
16 ~~the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and~~  
17 ~~the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a~~  
18 ~~term of one year. At each subsequent election, only one director shall be~~  
19 ~~elected each year for a term of three years. Any director elected under this~~  
20 ~~provision must be a person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h)~~  
21 *for the term length established by the board.*

22 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be  
23 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except  
24 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11  
25 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,  
26 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of  
27 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection ~~(h)~~ (g). The  
28 forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120,  
29 and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as  
30 provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified  
31 to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within  
32 the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to  
33 canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of  
34 the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the  
35 irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such  
36 election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such  
37 elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the  
38 county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the  
39 population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer  
40 shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving  
41 the highest number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first  
42 election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county  
43 in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is

1 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of  
2 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three  
3 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each  
4 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer  
5 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a  
6 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon  
7 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by  
8 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor  
9 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board  
10 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000 which oath  
11 and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in  
12 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is  
13 located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district  
14 a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount,  
15 as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as  
16 treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the  
17 treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval  
18 of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval  
19 thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and  
20 shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the  
21 registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and  
22 filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond,  
23 the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced  
24 thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to  
25 include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall  
26 be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied  
27 by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to  
28 prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in  
29 subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety  
30 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid  
31 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director  
32 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the  
33 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve  
34 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed  
35 to fill.

36 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the  
37 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of  
38 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail  
39 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to  
40 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.  
41 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of  
42 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall  
43 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration

1 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

2 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be  
3 held the ~~first Tuesday in March except as provided by subsection (g)~~  
4 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.*  
5 Any districts organized after the regular ~~March~~ election shall hold its  
6 election at the next regular ~~March~~ election following incorporation of the  
7 district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person  
8 receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of ~~three~~ *four*  
9 years, the ~~person~~ *persons* receiving the second *and third* highest number of  
10 votes shall serve for a term of two years, ~~and the person receiving the third~~  
11 ~~highest number of votes shall serve for a term of one year.~~ In case the first  
12 election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and  
13 the day preceding the ~~first Tuesday in March following the first Monday in~~  
14 *November* of the next succeeding *odd-numbered* year, the next regular  
15 ~~March~~ election shall be held in the second succeeding *odd-numbered* year.  
16 At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall be elected  
17 each year for a term of ~~three~~ *four* years. ~~All persons desiring to be voted~~  
18 ~~upon as directors shall at least 30 days before the day of holding of the~~  
19 ~~elections, file such person's name with the county election officer of the~~  
20 ~~county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation~~  
21 ~~district is located, affixed to a statement that such person desires such~~  
22 ~~person's name to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for member of~~  
23 ~~board of directors of the district in such election~~ *Any person desiring to be*  
24 *a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's*  
25 *declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in*  
26 *which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located.*  
27 *Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in section 6,*  
28 *and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.* The  
29 county election officer shall ~~make up the ticket, at expense of the irrigation~~  
30 ~~district~~ *prepare the ballot*, and place the names thereon in alphabetical  
31 order and shall supply election officials with necessary ballots and polling  
32 books at the irrigation district's expense. ~~At least five days before any~~  
33 ~~election held subsequent to first election of directors, the boards of~~  
34 ~~directors shall name and appoint three persons for each voting place, who~~  
35 ~~shall be qualified electors in the district.~~ At least five days before any  
36 election, the county clerks of the various counties within which a portion  
37 of the district is located, shall cause to be ascertained the names of all  
38 persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ *(g)* and shall furnish  
39 lists thereof to each election board within such county and to the secretary  
40 of the board of directors of the district. Notice of the time and places of  
41 holding of the election, ~~signed by the president and attested by the~~  
42 ~~secretary of the district shall be given in some newspaper or newspapers~~  
43 *general election, shall be published by the county election officer in a*

1 *newspaper* of general circulation in the district ~~for one issue at least five~~  
2 ~~days prior to date of the election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and~~  
3 ~~amendments thereto.~~ The ~~return~~ results of all special or bond elections  
4 shall be made *available* to the secretary of the district, ~~and canvassed by~~  
5 ~~the board of directors.~~ All expenses of election, not otherwise provided for  
6 herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of the irrigation district.  
7 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under  
8 general election laws.

9 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section  
10 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general  
11 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of  
12 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons  
13 entitled to vote as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) for the purpose of electing  
14 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March,  
15 ~~except as provided by subsection (g).~~ Notice of the time and place of  
16 holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or  
17 newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30  
18 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be  
19 by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) of this  
20 section. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30  
21 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name  
22 with the secretary of the board of directors of the district, affixed to a  
23 statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the  
24 ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The  
25 board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the  
26 district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes  
27 are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass  
28 the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in  
29 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is  
30 located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of  
31 this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall  
32 apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting.

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

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

43 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-

1 715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be  
2 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is  
3 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been  
4 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are  
5 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to  
6 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area  
7 shall vote in the voting area which includes the greatest portion of such  
8 person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" shall  
9 include a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a  
10 person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation,  
11 association or partnership which is the legal qualified owner of irrigable  
12 land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust,  
13 corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The  
14 person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not  
15 otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

16 Sec. 54. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
17 1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may  
18 be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period  
19 beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each odd-  
20 numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in ~~December~~ *June* of each  
21 even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner  
22 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of  
23 election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next  
24 following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in  
25 the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not  
26 shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time the change  
27 is made.

28 Sec. 55. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
29 1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college shall  
30 be elected for a four-year term commencing on the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday*  
31 *in January* following election. Members shall serve until their successors  
32 are elected or appointed and qualified.

33 Sec. 56. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
34 1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted  
35 by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of  
36 the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than  
37 one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate  
38 with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is  
39 located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding  
40 territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, in  
41 accordance with this section, shall specify the county in which the main  
42 campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General  
43 community college elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ of

1 ~~each odd-numbered year~~ following the first Monday in November of each  
2 ~~odd-numbered year.~~

3 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the  
4 ~~Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-~~  
5 ~~numbered years~~ first Tuesday of August of each odd-numbered year in  
6 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

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

11 Sec. 57. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
12 1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in  
13 effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a  
14 community college by any one of the following methods:

15 (A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition  
16 to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such  
17 person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a  
18 petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors  
19 residing in such person's member district.

20 (B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become  
21 a candidate for member from the member district in which such person  
22 resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such  
23 a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20.

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

30 (D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member  
31 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district  
32 may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with  
33 the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate,  
34 and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20.

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

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

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

1 (2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a  
 2 candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of  
 3 intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the  
 4 amount of ~~\$5~~ \$20.

5 (c) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section must  
 6 be filed on or before ~~12 o'clock~~ 12 noon on the ~~Tuesday which precedes by~~  
 7 ~~10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any odd-numbered year. No such~~  
 8 ~~petition or declaration shall be filed sooner than the second Tuesday of the~~  
 9 ~~December which next precedes the community college election June 1 of~~  
 10 ~~each odd-numbered year as provided in section 6, and amendments~~  
 11 ~~thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

12 Sec. 58. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
 13 1419. (a) ~~The election of trustees of community colleges shall be~~  
 14 ~~nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply~~  
 15 ~~in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is~~  
 16 ~~a crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.~~

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

22 (e) ~~Ballots for election of trustees shall be canvassed by the members~~  
 23 ~~of election boards canvassing ballots in other local elections insofar as is~~  
 24 ~~practicable, and where it is not practicable, the county election officer shall~~  
 25 ~~provide for such canvass by other appropriate means.~~

26 Sec. 59. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
 27 8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school  
 28 district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during  
 29 the period beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each  
 30 ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and ending on the first Tuesday in  
 31 ~~December~~ *June* of each ~~even-numbered~~ *odd-numbered* year, if such  
 32 change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end  
 33 of such period. The new method of election and voting plan in such school  
 34 district shall be followed in the election of members next following such  
 35 change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner  
 36 provided in this act. Change of method of election or voting plan shall not  
 37 shorten the term of any member serving on the board at the time the  
 38 change is made, and the county election officer shall not submit to election  
 39 any plan of change which violates this prohibition.

40 Sec. 60. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-  
 41 2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four  
 42 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members  
 43 of boards. The four methods are:



1 (1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of  
2 the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board  
3 which are to expire in such year.

4 (2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the  
5 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the  
6 hospital.

7 (3) (A) Elections of board members for ~~three-year~~ *four-year* terms  
8 shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ *following the first Monday in*  
9 *November of odd-numbered years* of each year for the positions on the  
10 board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each  
11 board member shall take office on the ~~May 1~~ *second Monday in January*  
12 following the date of election.

13 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member  
14 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the  
15 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the  
16 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the  
17 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,  
18 either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a  
19 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a  
20 filing fee in the amount of ~~\$10~~ *\$20*.

21 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph  
22 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that  
23 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election  
24 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective  
25 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall  
26 certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county  
27 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were  
28 prepared.

29 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is  
30 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of  
31 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote  
32 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is  
33 qualified to vote.

34 ~~(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the~~  
35 ~~laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of~~  
36 ~~members of the board.~~

37 (4) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held  
38 on the ~~first Tuesday~~ *succeeding the first Monday in* ~~April~~ *November* of  
39 each *odd-numbered* year for the positions on the board which are to expire  
40 in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take  
41 office on the ~~May 1 following the date of election~~ *second Monday in*  
42 *January*.

43 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member

1 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the  
2 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the  
3 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the  
4 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,  
5 either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a  
6 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a  
7 filing fee in the amount of ~~\$10~~ \$20.

8 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph  
9 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that  
10 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election  
11 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective  
12 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall  
13 certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county  
14 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were  
15 prepared.

16 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is  
17 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of  
18 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote  
19 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is  
20 qualified to vote.

21 ~~(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the~~  
22 ~~laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of~~  
23 ~~members of the board.~~

24 (b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital  
25 is the method provided for in ~~provision (1) or provision (2)~~ of subsection  
26 (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method  
27 provided for in ~~provision (3) or provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)(3) or (4) by  
28 majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof.  
29 Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the  
30 method provided for in ~~provision (3) or provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)(3)  
31 or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the  
32 change of method of selection shall expire on May 1 of the year in which  
33 the term of such member is to expire, except that for the purpose of  
34 electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other  
35 purposes, the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed  
36 one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the  
37 board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the  
38 length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four  
39 years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected  
40 pursuant to ~~provision (3)~~ of subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may  
41 be changed to the method provided for in ~~provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)  
42 (4) by a majority vote of the board members.

43 Sec. 61. K.S.A. 2-623, 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-

1 1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-  
2 1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-  
3 1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015,  
4 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-  
5 1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031,  
6 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-  
7 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037, 12-  
8 1038, 13-1221, 19-2760, 19-2762, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-  
9 209, 25-210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-  
10 2014, 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113,  
11 25-2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-2901, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-  
12 1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1417, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-2508 and  
13 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-  
14 213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-  
15 2311, 25-3801 and 42-706 are hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 62. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
17 publication in the statute book.