



1 name appears thereon. The affidavit shall be executed before a person  
2 authorized to administer oaths and include the address of the circulator.

3 Each page of such petition shall bear the names of registered voters of a  
4 single county. All petitions shall be grouped according to the county in  
5 which each was circulated before being filed with the secretary of state.  
6 All such petitions shall be filed at one time. Any related petitions presented  
7 thereafter will be deemed to be separate and not a part of earlier filings.  
8 County election officers shall cooperate with the secretary of state in  
9 verifying the sufficiency of these petitions as required by law.

10 The secretary of state shall transmit ~~such~~ *the* petitions to the county  
11 election officer of each county for which petitions were presented to be  
12 examined for sufficiency pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3601 et  
13 seq., and amendments thereto, and applicable regulations. Not more than  
14 20 days following receipt of ~~such~~ *the* petitions from the secretary of state,  
15 the county election officer shall return these documents to the secretary of  
16 state certifying the number of sufficient signatures thereon. The secretary  
17 of state shall gather all petitions and determine whether a sufficient  
18 number of signatures was submitted. The secretary of state shall forthwith  
19 notify the person who submitted the declaration of intent to circulate ~~such~~  
20 *the* petitions of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the number of  
21 signatures.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 25-3602 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows: 25-3602. (a) Each petition shall consist of one or more documents  
24 pertaining to a single issue or proposition under one distinctive title. The  
25 documents shall be filed with the county election officer or other official,  
26 if another official is designated in the applicable statutes. The filing shall  
27 be made at one time all in one group. Later or successive filings of  
28 documents relating to the same issue or proposition shall be deemed to be  
29 separate petitions and not a part of any earlier or later filing.

30 (b) Unless otherwise specifically required, each petition shall: (1)  
31 State the question which petitioners seek to bring to an election in the form  
32 of a question as it should appear upon the ballot in accordance with the  
33 requirements of K.S.A. 25-620 and ~~K.S.A.~~ 25-3601, and amendments  
34 thereto;

35 (2) name the taxing subdivision or other political subdivision in  
36 which an election is sought to be held;

37 (3) contain the following recital above the spaces provided for  
38 signatures: "I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered elector  
39 of the state of Kansas and of

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42 (here insert name of political or taxing subdivision)

43 and my residence address is correctly written after my name."

44 The recital shall be followed by blank spaces for the signature,

1 residence address and date of signing for each person signing the petition.

2 When petitioners are required by law to possess qualifications in  
 3 addition to being registered electors, the form of the petition shall be  
 4 amended to contain a recital specifying the additional qualifications  
 5 required and stating that the petitioners possess the qualifications; and

6 (4) contain a recital in substance as follows, at the end of each set of  
 7 documents carried by each petition circulator as defined in K.S.A. 2018  
 8 Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto: "I am the circulator of this  
 9 petition and I am qualified to circulate this petition and I personally  
 10 witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears  
 11 thereon.

12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 13 (Signature of circulator)

14 \_\_\_\_\_  
 15 (Circulator's residence address)"

16 The recital of the circulator of each petition shall be verified upon oath  
 17 or affirmation before a notarial officer in the manner prescribed by K.S.A.  
 18 53-501 et seq., and amendments thereto.

19 (c) Any person who has signed a petition who desires to withdraw  
 20 such person's name may do so by giving written notice to the county  
 21 election officer or other designated official not later than the third day  
 22 following the date upon which the petition is filed.

23 (d) (1) *Except as provided in paragraph (2), any petition shall be null*  
 24 *and void unless submitted to the county election officer or other*  
 25 *designated official within 180 days of the date of the first signature on the*  
 26 *petition.*

27 (2) *Any petition submitted for the purpose of a political party seeking*  
 28 *official recognition pursuant to K.S.A. 25-302a, and amendments thereto,*  
 29 *shall be null and void unless submitted to the secretary of state within one*  
 30 *year of the date of the first signature on the petition.*

31 (e) Unless the governing body of the political or taxing subdivision in  
 32 which the election is sought to be held authorizes a special election, all  
 33 elections which are called as a result of the filing of a sufficient petition  
 34 shall be held at the next succeeding primary or general election as defined  
 35 by K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto, in which the political or  
 36 taxing subdivision is participating.

37 (f) When a petition requires signatures equal in number to a  
 38 percentage of the total number of registered voters, such percentage shall  
 39 be based on the most recent number of registered voters as certified to the  
 40 office of the secretary of state pursuant to ~~subsection (g)~~ of K.S.A. 25-  
 41 2311(g), and amendments thereto.

42 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2018 Supp. 25-302a and 25-3602 are hereby repealed.

43 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its

- 1 publication in the statute book.