

HOUSE BILL No. 2645

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to county election officers
2 ensuring security of electronic data and digital images; requiring digital
3 images of ballots to be open records and searchable by precinct.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) County election officers shall ensure that electronic
7 election data and electronic or digital images of ballots are protected from
8 physical and electronic alteration and destruction, including unauthorized
9 copying or transfer. Such security measures shall be at least as protective
10 as those prescribed for paper ballots.

11 (b) After polls are closed, county election officers shall make
12 available to the public an online copy of any digital images of ballots in a
13 manner that allows the images to be searchable by precinct but precludes
14 any alteration of such images.

15 (c) Digital images shall be considered public records subject to
16 disclosure under the open records act.

17 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
18 publication in the statute book.