

As Amended by House Committee

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HOUSE BILL No. 2715

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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~~AN ACT relating to elections; requiring a certificate program be established for county election officials concerning elections; regarding duties of county election officers; requiring a certification program; providing requirements for reporting precinct-level election results; amending K.S.A. 25-3206 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 25-124.~~

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

**New Section 1.** The secretary of state and the Kansas county clerks and election officials association shall create an ongoing comprehensive training and certification program for county election officials **relating to their duties in conducting elections, including procedures for complying with federal and state laws and regulations.** Each county shall have such county's chief election official or deputy election official trained and certified before the 2024 primary election. Certifications shall be renewed at such intervals as determined by the secretary of state and the Kansas county clerks and election officials association. Such certification shall be required for all newly elected or appointed county election officials and deputy election officials. The certification program shall be conducted with current election training programs. ~~The certification shall not require a test or as an online course.~~ **The provisions of this section shall apply to all counties for elections that take place after July 1, 2024.**

**{Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-3206 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3206. (a) The state board of canvassers shall make the final canvass of national and state primary and general elections. The board shall also make the final canvass of elections upon constitutional amendments and all questions submitted to election on a statewide basis, including questions on retention in office of justices of the supreme court, judges of the court of appeals and judges of the district court.**

**(b) For the purpose of canvassing elections specified in subsection (a), the state board of canvassers shall meet on the call of the secretary of state, in the secretary's office, as soon as convenient after the tabulation of the returns is made. In the case of general elections, the meeting shall be called not later than December 1 next following the election, except when the date falls on Sunday, then not later than the**

1 following day, and may recess from time to time until the canvass is  
2 completed.

3 (c) The state board of canvassers shall, upon the abstracts on file  
4 in the office of secretary of state, proceed to make final canvass of any  
5 election for officers specified in subsection (a). The state board of  
6 canvassers shall certify a statement which shall show the names of the  
7 persons receiving votes for any of the offices, and the whole number  
8 received by each, distinguishing the districts and counties in which  
9 they were voted.

10 (d) The state board of canvassers shall, upon the abstracts on file  
11 in the office of the secretary of state, proceed to make final canvass  
12 and determination of the result of statewide question submitted  
13 elections. The state board of canvassers shall certify a statement of the  
14 number of votes on each question and the result thereof.

15 (e) The state board of canvassers shall certify such statements to  
16 be correct, and the members shall subscribe their names thereto, and  
17 the board shall determine what persons have been elected to such  
18 offices and the members shall endorse and subscribe on the statement  
19 a certificate of the determination and deliver them to the secretary of  
20 state.

21 (f) The secretary of state shall publish on the official secretary of  
22 state website election results by precinct for all federal offices,  
23 statewide offices and for legislative offices not later than 30 days after  
24 the final canvass of the general election results.

25 (g) *Each county election officer shall provide precinct-level election*  
26 *results electronically in machine-readable format for all federal offices,*  
27 *statewide offices, legislative offices and local offices not later than 30 days*  
28 *after the final canvass of the general election results.*}

29 **Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-124 and 25-3206 are hereby repealed.**

30 ~~Sec. 4.~~ **4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
31 publication in the statute book.