

**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, 12-344,  
3 12-363, 13-1220, 13-1221, 19-2680, 19-2760, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-  
4 504, 25-202, 25-209, 25-210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-  
5 2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-  
6 2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-  
7 3503, 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-  
8 2508 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506,  
9 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a,  
10 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801 and 42-706 and repealing the existing  
11 sections; also repealing K.S.A. 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004,  
12 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-  
13 1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006,  
14 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-  
15 1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-  
16 1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-  
17 1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-  
18 1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f,  
19 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037, 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, 2016, all primary elections  
23 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any  
24 municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2016 and on  
25 such date thereafter of even-numbered years, and all general elections for  
26 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 2016 of even-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 2016 shall  
31 expire on the second Monday in January, 2017, when newly elected  
32 members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall  
33 take office. The governing body of the municipality shall establish by  
34 ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with  
35 this act.

36 (c) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as

1 provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election  
2 shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021, and amendments  
3 thereto, and K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.

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

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

11 (f) All elections for officers of municipalities shall be on a partisan  
12 basis.

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, and school district.

17 (h) Cities may provide for elections of elected officials in odd-  
18 numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of office or for  
19 three-year terms of office for elected officials. All such elections shall be  
20 conducted on a partisan basis.

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

25 New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2016, all primary elections  
26 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any  
27 special district shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and on  
28 such date thereafter of odd-numbered years and all general elections for  
29 members of the governing body and other elected officials of any special  
30 district shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in  
31 November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

32 (b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected  
33 officials of special districts that would expire at any time in 2017 shall  
34 expire on the second Monday in January 2018, when newly elected  
35 members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall  
36 take office. The governing body of the special district shall establish by  
37 resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with this act.

38 (c) Primary elections for any special district, if otherwise required by  
39 law, shall be conducted on the first Tuesday in August in odd-numbered  
40 years.

41 (d) The county election officers, with the assistance of the secretary  
42 of state, shall conduct special district primary and general elections in odd-  
43 numbered years.

1 (e) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may  
2 become a candidate for the special district office by filing a declaration of  
3 intent to become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied  
4 by a filing fee of \$20.

5 (f) All elections for officers of special districts shall be on a non  
6 partisan basis.

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

10 (h) "Special district" means any board of public utilities created under  
11 K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto, community college,  
12 drainage district, extension district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and  
13 amendments thereto, irrigation district, improvement district created under  
14 K.S.A. 19-2753 et seq., and amendments thereto, library district created  
15 under K.S.A. 12-1236 et seq., and amendments thereto, water district  
16 created under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and  
17 hospital district created under K.S.A. 80-2501 et seq., and amendments  
18 thereto. The term does not include any special district where the election  
19 of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of the special  
20 district.

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

25 (b) The county election officer shall give not less than 60 days' notice  
26 to the superintendent of the school district of the need to use one or more  
27 school buildings as polling places for any primary or general election.

28 (c) All unified school districts shall schedule an in-service training  
29 day for teachers when school is in session on the date of any primary or  
30 general election.

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

33 New Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall develop a public  
34 information program to inform the public generally of changes made as a  
35 result of moving spring elections to fall elections. Such public information  
36 program shall include, at a minimum, the explanation of which public  
37 office elections are being transferred from spring to fall elections, which  
38 offices will be elected on a partisan basis and which elected offices will be  
39 elected on a nonpartisan basis. The program shall include the use of  
40 advertisements and public service announcements as well as posting of  
41 information on the opening pages of the official internet websites of the  
42 secretary of state and county election officers. The secretary of state and  
43 county election officers shall develop dedicated websites to provide voter

1 education and sample ballots for elections.

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

5 New Sec. 6. Section 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, may be  
6 cited as and shall be known as the help Kansas vote act.

7 New Sec. 7. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the official  
8 primary ballot for special district offices.

9 (b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be  
10 prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations shall be filed with the  
11 county election officer not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary  
12 election in odd-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday  
13 or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday,  
14 Sunday or holiday.

15 (c) For special districts where a primary election is not authorized or  
16 otherwise required by law, the declaration of intent to become a candidate  
17 shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon,  
18 September 1, prior to the general election in odd-numbered years, or if  
19 such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of  
20 the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

21 (d) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures  
22 for primary elections for special districts.

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

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

39 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils  
40 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a  
41 new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with  
42 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and  
43 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district

1 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils  
2 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement  
3 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:  
4 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the  
5 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)  
6 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being  
7 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing  
8 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university  
9 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized  
10 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in  
11 accordance with subsection (h).

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

21 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
22 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension  
23 programs which are combined into the new district extension programs  
24 shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the  
25 authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance  
26 with the agreement to establish the extension district.

27 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection  
28 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the  
29 establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to  
30 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all  
31 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their  
32 appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for  
33 terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an  
34 election held on the first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year  
35 following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending  
36 upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held  
37 on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following  
38 their appointment following the first Monday in November of the first odd-  
39 numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve  
40 for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at  
41 an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November  
42 of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment.

43 (f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing

1 extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners  
2 of each county being included in an existing extension district shall  
3 appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the  
4 governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so  
5 appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the  
6 members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the  
7 election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the ~~first~~  
8 ~~Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their~~  
9 ~~appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the~~  
10 ~~election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first~~  
11 ~~Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their~~  
12 ~~appointment~~ *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first*  
13 *odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall*  
14 *serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their*  
15 *successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday*  
16 *in November of the second odd-numbered year following their*  
17 *appointment.* The offices of the members of the governing body of the  
18 existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in  
19 such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded  
20 extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their  
21 existing terms of office.

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

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

42 (i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of  
43 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed

1 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing  
2 extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a  
3 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to  
4 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included  
5 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each  
6 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If,  
7 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in  
8 opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county  
9 in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified  
10 electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such  
11 board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the  
12 county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the  
13 same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county  
14 voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special  
15 election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall  
16 be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-  
17 120, and amendments thereto.

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

25 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to  
26 membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the  
27 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such  
28 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall  
29 commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member  
30 elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and  
31 qualified.

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

36 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an  
37 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results  
38 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections  
39 except as otherwise provided by this act. ~~Not later than 12 noon of the~~  
40 ~~Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years,~~  
41 ~~each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing~~  
42 ~~body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by~~  
43 ~~a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county represented~~

1 by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as  
2 a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such  
3 filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.  
4 The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the  
5 names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order.  
6 *Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body*  
7 *shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election*  
8 *officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body*  
9 *whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in*  
10 *the manner as provided in section 7, and amendments thereto.*

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

23 (4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.  
24 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under  
25 the general election laws.

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

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

33 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 12-344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-344.

34 (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the exercise of  
35 powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with the  
36 constitution or other laws of this state.

37 (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the consolidation  
38 of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the  
39 plan shall:

40 (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and  
41 officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

42 (2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

43 (3) Authorize the appointment of, or elimination of elective officials



1 and offices.

2 (4) Specify the effective date of the consolidation.

3 (5) Include other provisions determined necessary by the commission.

4 (c) If the plan provides for the consolidation of the city and county, in  
5 addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

6 (1) Fix the boundaries of the governing body's election districts,  
7 provide a method for changing the boundaries from time-to-time, any at-  
8 large positions on the governing body, fix the number, term and initial  
9 compensation of the governing body of the consolidated city-county and  
10 the method of election.

11 ~~(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the~~  
12 ~~consolidated city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the~~  
13 ~~time at which such elections shall be held.~~

14 ~~(3) (2) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative~~  
15 ~~duties of the consolidated city-county officials, provide for consolidation~~  
16 ~~or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a~~  
17 ~~consolidated city-county administrator or a city-county manager, if~~  
18 ~~deemed advisable, and prescribe the general structure of the consolidated~~  
19 ~~city-county government.~~

20 ~~(4) (3) Provide for the official name of the consolidated city-county.~~

21 ~~(5) (4) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and~~  
22 ~~other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.~~

23 *(d) Elections for the governing body and other elected officers of the*  
24 *consolidated city-county shall be on a partisan basis.*

25 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-363 is hereby amended to read as  
26 follows: 12-363. (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide  
27 for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not  
28 inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

29 (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the unification of  
30 certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the plan  
31 shall:

32 (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and  
33 officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

34 (2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

35 (3) Specify the effective date of the unification.

36 (4) Include other provisions determined necessary by the commission.

37 (c) If the plan provides for the unification of the city and county, in  
38 addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

39 (1) Provide that the members of the governing body be elected from  
40 districts or on an at-large basis and fix the number, term and initial  
41 compensation of the governing body of the unified city-county and the  
42 method of election.

43 ~~(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the unified~~

1 city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which  
 2 such elections shall be held.

3 ~~(3)~~ (2) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative  
 4 duties of the unified city-county officials, provide for unification or  
 5 expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a city-  
 6 county administrator or manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the  
 7 general structure of the unified city-county government.

8 ~~(4)~~ (3) Provide for the official name of the unified city-county.

9 ~~(5)~~ (4) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and  
 10 other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

11 ~~(6)~~ (5) Fix the rate of the retailers' sales tax, if any.

12 (d) *Elections for the governing body and other elected officials shall*  
 13 *be on a partisan basis.*

14 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 13-1220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-  
 15 1220. ~~In each city of the first class that now has or hereafter acquires a~~  
 16 ~~population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, which now or~~  
 17 ~~hereafter owns and operates a municipal waterworks plant and a municipal~~  
 18 ~~electric light plant, there shall be~~ *Any city may establish* an administrative  
 19 agency known as the board of public utilities of such city, to be elected in  
 20 the manner hereinafter provided. The board shall manage, operate,  
 21 maintain and control the daily operation of the water plant and electric-  
 22 light plant of such city, and shall make all such rules and regulations as are  
 23 necessary for the safe, economical and efficient operation and management  
 24 of such water plants and electric-light plants. The board may also improve,  
 25 extend or enlarge the water plants and electric-light plants as hereinafter  
 26 provided, and furnish a supply of water, light, heat and power for  
 27 domestic, industrial and municipal purposes.

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

42 (b) The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-  
 43 president and shall appoint a secretary. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of~~

1 ~~K.S.A. 13-1222, relating to a quorum for the transaction of business and a~~  
 2 ~~vote for action by the board, Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be~~  
 3 ~~filled by a majority vote of the members remaining on the board. Where a~~  
 4 ~~vacancy has occurred in the membership of any board of public utilities, a~~  
 5 ~~member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next ~~city-~~~~  
 6 ~~November in odd-numbered years election, at which time a successor shall~~  
 7 ~~be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.~~

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

12 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 19-2680 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 13 2680. (a) Any county which has been declared to be an urban area under  
 14 the provisions of K.S.A. 19-2654, *and amendments thereto*, is hereby  
 15 authorized to adopt, and from time to time amend, a charter for the  
 16 government of such county. Such charter shall provide for the exercise of  
 17 powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with general  
 18 law or the constitution of the state of Kansas, and may:

19 ~~(a)~~ (1) Fix the boundaries of each county commissioner's district,  
 20 provide a method for changing them from time to time, and fix the  
 21 number, term, and compensation of the commissioners and their method of  
 22 election, and shall define and outline duties and powers of the county  
 23 commissioners;

24 ~~(b)~~ (2) provide for the exercise of such powers similar or identical to  
 25 the powers permitted under K.S.A. 19-101 and article 39 of chapter 12 of  
 26 the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*;

27 ~~(c)~~ (3) provide in the charter a method for its amendment;

28 ~~(d)~~ (4) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative  
 29 duties of the county officials, provide for consolidation or expansion of  
 30 services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a county administrator  
 31 or a county manager, and prescribe the general structure of county  
 32 government; and

33 ~~(e)~~ (5) authorize the appointment of or elimination of elective  
 34 officials and offices within the charter similar or identical to that  
 35 authorization permitted the board of county commissioners under article  
 36 39 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments*  
 37 *thereto*.

38 (b) *Elections for the governing body and other elected officers shall*  
 39 *be on a partisan basis.*

40 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 41 2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the  
 42 Tuesday following the first Monday in November ~~of 1978~~ and of each  
 43 even-numbered year thereafter for the purpose of electing three directors

1 of such district, except that the first election following the establishment of  
 2 such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of county  
 3 commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

4 (b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of  
 5 two years, ~~except that directors elected prior to the Tuesday following the~~  
 6 ~~first Monday in November, 1978, and directors elected at the first election~~  
 7 ~~following the establishment of the district shall serve until their successors~~  
 8 ~~are elected.~~

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

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

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

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

15 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
 16 3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body  
 17 of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member  
 18 board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member  
 19 shall be elected and shall hold office from ~~May 1 following such member's~~  
 20 ~~election until April 30, the second Monday in January succeeding such~~  
 21 ~~member's election until~~ four years thereafter and until a successor is  
 22 elected and has qualified.

23 The first election of members of the governing body of any water  
 24 district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first  
 25 Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members  
 26 shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and  
 27 ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term,  
 28 to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members  
 29 shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the  
 30 beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members  
 31 first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately  
 32 eight months. Elections shall be ~~thereafter~~ held on the ~~first Tuesday in~~  
 33 ~~April of each odd-numbered year following the first Monday in November~~  
 34 ~~of each odd-numbered year~~ for the member positions whose terms expire  
 35 in that year.

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

41 (c) Elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of each odd-~~  
 42 ~~numbered~~ *following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered*  
 43 year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold

1 office from ~~May 1~~, *the second Monday in January* following such  
2 member's election until ~~April 30~~; four years thereafter and until a successor  
3 is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be  
4 called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to  
5 other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality  
6 shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be  
7 made to apply. *Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall*  
8 *be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the*  
9 *county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-209, and*  
10 *amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.*

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

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

30 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
31 19-3507. ~~The water district election shall be held in each election precinct, a~~  
32 ~~part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no~~  
33 ~~other election is being held in a given election precinct on the same date as~~  
34 ~~the water district election, the county election officer may provide one or~~  
35 ~~more convenient voting places where the water district electors of such~~  
36 ~~precinct may vote, which may be a voting place located in another~~  
37 ~~precinct. The county election officer shall designate such voting places and~~  
38 ~~the persons entitled to vote thereat in the election notice. The county~~  
39 ~~election officer shall make a report in writing to the board of county~~  
40 ~~commissioners of such election precincts and voting places, which report~~  
41 ~~shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which such~~  
42 ~~precincts and voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the~~  
43 ~~journal of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or~~

1 counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and  
2 voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like manner  
3 be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners, filed and  
4 entered as aforesaid. The polls for any election held under this act shall be  
5 open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

6 ~~AH(a) Any qualified persons~~ *person* desiring to be voted upon as a  
7 *candidate for a position* as a member of such board shall ~~on or before~~  
8 ~~12:00 o'clock noon~~ on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first  
9 Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date  
10 shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, *file a candidate's*  
11 *declaration of intention in the manner provided in K.S.A. 25-206, and*  
12 *amendments thereto*, with the county election officer, a statement directing  
13 such officer to place such person's name on the ballot as a candidate for  
14 member of the board of the water district in such election, indicating the  
15 number of the position for which such person is filing. No candidate shall  
16 be permitted to withdraw as a candidate after the deadline for filing such  
17 statements of candidacy. There shall be no primary election for members  
18 of the water district board. The county election officer shall publish names  
19 of all candidates in a newspaper of general circulation within the water  
20 district not less than 10 days before such election *in accordance with*  
21 *K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto*. The county election officer shall  
22 provide for use of voting machines or printed ballots in each election  
23 precinct or voting place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall  
24 be done at the expense of the water district. The names of candidates for  
25 each member position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that  
26 each candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such  
27 candidate's name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being  
28 conducted in an election precinct or voting place is the water district  
29 election, The cost of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting  
30 place shall be borne entirely by the water district, but where held in  
31 conjunction with other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner  
32 provided by article 22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and  
33 amendments thereto.

34 At least five days before any election, the county election officers of  
35 the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in  
36 cooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas  
37 where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district  
38 and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and  
39 located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which  
40 contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified  
41 electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list  
42 of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be  
43 furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the voting

1 ~~precincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote.~~

2 *(b) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the water district.*

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

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

10 ~~Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges of each~~  
 11 ~~precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one desirous of~~  
 12 ~~voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may proceed to the~~  
 13 ~~county election officer of the county and such officer may administer oaths~~  
 14 ~~and affirm witnesses to determine the right of anyone to vote who may~~  
 15 ~~claim erroneous omission from such list, and if such officer issues a~~  
 16 ~~certificate entitling the voter to vote, such certificate shall be accepted by~~  
 17 ~~the judges and clerks of the election. The list so furnished by the county~~  
 18 ~~election officer shall be conclusive at all elections held within the same~~  
 19 ~~year that the list is furnished.~~

20 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as  
 21 follows: 24-412. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as  
 22 otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in  
 23 each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April,  
 24 1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first  
 25 Tuesday in April, to choose directors *An election to choose three directors*  
 26 *in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in*  
 27 *November 2017, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter,*  
 28 *on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to choose*  
 29 *directors. Any director elected in any district in 2015 shall hold such office*  
 30 *until such successor is elected and qualified.*

31 (b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage  
 32 district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in  
 33 K.S.A. ~~2012~~ 2014 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

34 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as  
 35 follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the  
 36 returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for  
 37 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and ~~all~~  
 38 ~~persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not~~  
 39 ~~later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in~~  
 40 ~~April in election years, file a declaration of candidaey, any qualified~~  
 41 ~~person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate's~~  
 42 ~~declaration of intention in the manner provided in K.S.A. 25-206, and~~  
 43 ~~amendments thereto, accompanied by a filing fee of-\$5 \$20, with the~~

1 county election officer of the county wherein the district is located, ~~as a~~  
2 ~~candidate in such election~~, and the election officer in making up the ballots  
3 ~~and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in~~  
4 ~~alphabetical order, but the returns of all special or bond elections shall be~~  
5 ~~made to the secretary and canvassed by the board of directors.~~ The county  
6 election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for  
7 deposit in the county general fund. ~~The county election officer of the~~  
8 ~~county wherein the drainage district is situated shall appoint election~~  
9 ~~boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for~~  
10 ~~holding the election.~~ The county ~~clerk~~ *election officer* shall cause to be  
11 ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are also  
12 qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the  
13 election.

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

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

31 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as  
32 follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district  
33 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, *and amendments thereto*, shall  
34 consist of three qualified persons as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection~~  
35 ~~(e) of this section~~(3).

36 (b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the  
37 drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the  
38 incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county  
39 commissioners to which the petition is presented.

40 (c) The directors shall hold office until the ~~first Tuesday in April next~~  
41 *second Monday in January of the next even-numbered year* after the  
42 incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter  
43 directors shall be elected *at the November odd-year elections* and shall



1 hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are  
2 elected and qualified.

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

5 (e) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

22 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.  
23 Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed  
24 drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of ~~said the~~  
25 drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state  
26 shall report ~~such the~~ fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall ~~forthwith~~  
27 declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in ~~said the~~  
28 petition and set forth in the reports of ~~said the~~ commissioners to constitute  
29 a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within ~~such the~~  
30 bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be incorporated as a  
31 drainage district under the name designated in ~~said the~~ petition, and  
32 ~~thenceforth~~ the ~~said~~ territory and the freeholders thereof, who are residents  
33 of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic  
34 and corporate under ~~said the~~ corporate name and shall give perpetual  
35 succession.

36 In ~~said the~~ proclamation the governor shall designate the ~~last Tuesday~~  
37 ~~of the next succeeding calendar month~~ *Tuesday following the first Monday*  
38 *in November of the odd-numbered year* following the issuing of ~~said the~~  
39 proclamation on which an election shall be held in each of the counties to  
40 be included within the proposed drainage district for the purpose of  
41 electing directors of ~~said the~~ corporation, in number and in the manner  
42 hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make and keep full and  
43 complete records of the organization of all drainage districts organized

1 under the provisions of this act, showing the findings and decisions of the  
2 boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of the governor in  
3 connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct copy of which  
4 he shall forward to the ~~said~~ boards of county commissioners within five  
5 days after the issuing of the governor's proclamation provided for in this  
6 section, and they shall spread the same upon their records.

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

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

24 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 25-202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-202.  
25 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) all candidates for  
26 national, state, county ~~and~~, township, *municipal and special district* offices  
27 shall be nominated by: (1) A primary election, *if required*, held in  
28 accordance with article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,  
29 and amendments thereto; or (2) independent nomination petitions signed  
30 and filed as provided by existing statutes.

31 (b) Candidates for any of such offices who are members of any  
32 political party whose candidate for governor did not poll at least 5% of the  
33 total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the preceding general  
34 election shall not be entitled to nomination by primary election but shall be  
35 nominated by a delegate or mass convention according to article 3 of  
36 chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

37 (c) No candidate for any national, state, county ~~or~~, township *or*  
38 *municipal* office shall file for office as a partisan candidate in a primary  
39 election and also file for office as an independent candidate for any  
40 national, state, county ~~or~~, township *or municipal* office in the general  
41 election immediately following.

42 (d) The provisions of article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes  
43 Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the justices of the

1 supreme court or to judges of the district court in judicial districts which  
2 have approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of district court  
3 judges, as provided in K.S.A. 20-2901, and amendments thereto, nor to  
4 special elections to fill vacancies.

5 Sec. 24. 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 and  
8 municipal offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when  
9 each shall have qualified to become a candidate by one of the following  
10 methods and none other: (1) They shall have had filed in their behalf, not  
11 later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date  
12 falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next  
13 following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination  
14 petitions, as provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later  
15 than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the  
16 proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate,  
17 accompanied by the fee required by law. Such declaration shall be  
18 prescribed by the secretary of state.

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

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

32 (HEADING)

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

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

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

1 place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing  
2 given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address  
3 they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or  
4 pasted together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

38 (5) *if for a municipal office as provided by law.*

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

1 state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or  
2 districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

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

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

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

17 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress  
18 1,000 registered voters;

19 (B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300  
20 registered voters;

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (a) As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state shall  
42 certify to each county election officer the name and post-office address of  
43 each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a declaration of

1 intent to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or  
2 for state office, together with the designation of the office for which each  
3 is a candidate and the party or principle which the candidate represents.

4 (b) The county election officer shall ~~forthwith~~, upon receipt thereof,  
5 publish for three ~~(3)~~ consecutive weeks in the official paper, a notice  
6 which shall set forth under the proper party designation, the title of each  
7 national, state, county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* office any part of the  
8 district of which is in the county, the names and addresses of all persons  
9 certified by the secretary of state as candidates for any national or state  
10 office any part of the district of which is in the county and, in addition  
11 thereto, the names and addresses of all persons from whom valid  
12 nomination papers or declarations have been filed in the county election  
13 officer's office, giving the name and address of each, the day of the  
14 primary election, the hours during which the polls will be open and stating  
15 that the primary election will be held at the regular voting places. Where  
16 such voting places are not well established and customarily known the  
17 published notice herein provided for shall give the location of such voting  
18 places.

19 (c) *The secretary of state shall utilize the procedures established in*  
20 *this section to the extent applicable for special district elections conducted*  
21 *in the fall of odd-numbered years.*

22 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 25-210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-210.  
23 The official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the  
24 official primary election ballot for county ~~and~~, township *and municipal*  
25 offices of each political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed,  
26 voted, and canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided  
27 by law for the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official  
28 general ballots for national and state offices and official general ballots for  
29 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices, except as otherwise provided  
30 by law.

31 Sec. 27. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-212.  
32 ~~In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention to~~  
33 ~~become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than~~  
34 ~~one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same~~  
35 ~~party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the~~  
36 ~~state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names~~  
37 ~~to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly~~  
38 ~~equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without~~  
39 ~~dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state~~  
40 ~~shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the~~  
41 ~~secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such~~  
42 ~~party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of~~  
43 ~~the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of~~

1 counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party  
2 members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the  
3 alphabetical list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular order and in  
4 certifying to the county election officer the list of names for whom  
5 nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have  
6 been filed, shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list  
7 in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on  
8 with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or  
9 pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one  
10 division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth.  
11 When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district  
12 judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state  
13 board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary  
14 of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each  
15 candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state  
16 senator, state representative or state board of education member in any  
17 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name  
18 first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of  
19 state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the  
20 district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices  
21 according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of  
22 names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting  
23 machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct (a) *The*  
24 *secretary of state shall establish an alphabetical order for candidates'*  
25 *names for all national, state, county, township and municipal offices to*  
26 *appear on ballots to be utilized for both the primary election and the*  
27 *general election in all counties. The secretary of state shall, on or before*  
28 *May 1 of any election year, draw one letter of the alphabet at random and*  
29 *candidates whose surnames begin with such letter shall have their names*  
30 *listed first on the ballots throughout their districts. The remaining*  
31 *candidates' names shall appear on the ballots in the order that the letters*  
32 *of the alphabet follow the letter drawn by the secretary of state. The*  
33 *drawing shall take place in a public meeting, and notice shall be given*  
34 *through press announcements and notices posted on the secretary of*  
35 *state's web site.*

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

42 (b) *The secretary of state shall utilize the same procedure in*  
43 *subsection (a) to establish the alphabetical order for candidates for*

1 *special district primary elections and general elections in odd-numbered*  
 2 *years.*

3 (c) *The secretary of state shall establish the ballot styles for primary*  
 4 *elections for special districts in odd-numbered years by rules and*  
 5 *regulations.*

6 Sec. 28. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as  
 7 follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the  
 8 national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be  
 9 printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state  
 10 offices and the county~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices as specified for  
 11 each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election  
 12 ballot for county~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices.

13 (b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following  
 14 heading:

15 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

16 \_\_\_\_\_ Party

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

22 The words national and state or the words county~~and~~, township *and*  
 23 *municipal* shall appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown  
 24 above.

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



1 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official  
2 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The  
3 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be  
4 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are  
5 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the  
6 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line  
7 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in  
8 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be  
9 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or  
10 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct  
11 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

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

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

1 receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to  
2 obtain more than 5,000 votes.

3 Sec. 29. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.

4 ~~The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer forms~~  
5 ~~for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall prepare~~  
6 ~~a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official general~~  
7 ~~ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such rotation~~  
8 ~~shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have an equal~~  
9 ~~opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to which they~~  
10 ~~are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any national or~~  
11 ~~state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or part thereof, into~~  
12 ~~as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for each particular~~  
13 ~~office. In making such division the secretary of state shall divide, in~~  
14 ~~regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required number of~~  
15 ~~divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal as~~  
16 ~~convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as compiled~~  
17 ~~by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in certifying~~  
18 ~~the list of names of candidates to the county election officers, shall assign,~~  
19 ~~in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for each office, the~~  
20 ~~ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that every candidate~~  
21 ~~for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in each division.~~  
22 ~~When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices elected on less~~  
23 ~~than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it impossible to make a~~  
24 ~~division which allows each such candidate in any given district an~~  
25 ~~equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's name first on the~~  
26 ~~ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of state shall~~  
27 ~~order the county election officers in the various counties of the district to~~  
28 ~~rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices according to~~  
29 ~~precinct to obtain an equitable division. The names of candidates for the~~  
30 ~~same office but for different terms of service therein shall be arranged in~~  
31 ~~groups according to the length of their respective terms (a) For all~~  
32 ~~national state, county, township and municipal offices, the secretary of~~  
33 ~~state shall utilize the alphabetical order for candidates' names to appear~~  
34 ~~on ballots in all counties established under K.S.A. 25-212, and~~  
35 ~~amendments thereto.~~

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

39 (b) *The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot*  
40 *styles for general elections in odd-numbered year elections for special*  
41 *districts and certain municipalities by rules and regulations.*

42 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as  
43 follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general

1 ballot for national and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be  
 2 in the following order: Names of candidates for the offices of president  
 3 and vice-president, United States senator, United States representative  
 4 \_\_\_\_\_ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,  
 5 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the  
 6 state as a whole), state senator \_\_\_\_\_ district, state representative \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 district, district judge \_\_\_\_\_ district, district magistrate judge \_\_\_\_\_  
 8 district, district attorney \_\_\_\_\_ judicial district, and state board of  
 9 education member \_\_\_\_\_ district.

10 (b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for  
 11 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices for those offices to be elected  
 12 shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county  
 13 commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of  
 14 deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer,  
 15 township clerk, *unified school district, city and consolidated city-county.*

16 (c) *The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for special*  
 17 *districts and certain municipalities in odd-numbered year elections shall*  
 18 *be established by the secretary of state by rules and regulations.*

19 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-618 is hereby amended to read as  
 20 follows: 25-618. The official general ballot for county ~~and~~, township *and*  
 21 *municipal* offices may be separate from the official general ballot for  
 22 national and state offices or may be combined with the official general  
 23 ballot provided for in K.S.A. 25-601 and amendments thereto. The  
 24 secretary of state shall prescribe the ballot format but the ballot shall be  
 25 substantially in the form shown in this section and K.S.A. 25-611, and  
 26 amendments thereto.

27 STATE OF KANSAS  
 28 OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT  
 29 County and Township Offices  
 30 County of \_\_\_\_\_, City (or Township) of \_\_\_\_\_  
 31 November \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ year  
 32 -----

33 To vote for a person, make a cross or check mark in the square at the  
 34 left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed  
 35 on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and make a cross  
 36 or check mark in the square to the left.

37 \_\_\_\_\_  
 38 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
 39 \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT

40 Vote for One  
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FOR COUNTY CLERK

Vote for One

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FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Vote for One

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

Sec. 32. 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. 33. 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.

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

3 (1) The voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid  
4 identification; or

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

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

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

30 (2) the person provides such person's full Kansas driver's license  
31 number, Kansas nondriver's identification card number issued by the  
32 division of vehicles, or submits such person's application for an advance  
33 voting ballot and a copy of identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and  
34 amendments thereto, to the county election officer for verification. If a  
35 person applies for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail but  
36 fails to provide identification pursuant to this subsection or the  
37 identification of ~~such~~ the person cannot be verified by the county election  
38 officer, the county election officer shall provide information to ~~such~~ the  
39 person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall  
40 provide ~~such~~ the person an opportunity to provide identification pursuant  
41 to this subsection. For the purposes of this act, Kansas state offices and  
42 offices of any subdivision of the state will allow any person seeking to  
43 vote by an advance voting ballot the use of a photocopying device to make

1 one photocopy of an identification document at no cost.

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

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

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

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

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

18 ~~(5)~~ (3) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a  
19 primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election  
20 of officers at such election.

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

28 ~~(7)~~ (5) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified  
29 by the secretary of state.

30 ~~(8)~~ (6) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of  
31 the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the  
32 week preceding such primary election.

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

37 (g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office,  
38 applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in  
39 the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next  
40 preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later  
41 than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election  
42 officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to  
43 the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be

1 filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such  
2 properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to  
3 the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

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

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

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

22 (i) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this  
23 section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such  
24 officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such  
25 applications, together with their correct post office address and the  
26 precinct, ward, township or voting area in which ~~such~~ *the* persons claim to  
27 be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct  
28 residents and the present resident address of each applicant. ~~Such~~ Names  
29 and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The  
30 county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and  
31 addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All  
32 such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with  
33 this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The  
34 county election officer upon receipt of ~~such~~ *the* applications shall enter  
35 upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant,  
36 which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of  
37 any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make  
38 ~~such~~ *the* inspection shall provide to the county election officer  
39 identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification  
40 and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by ~~such~~ *the*  
41 officer stating ~~such~~ *the* person's name and address and showing the date  
42 and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer  
43 shall be subject to public inspection, except that the voter identification

1 information required by subsections (b) and (c) and the identifying number  
2 on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such numbers shall not be  
3 made public.

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

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

19 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
20 2006. (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on  
21 ~~the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year,~~ *Tuesday following*  
22 *the first Monday in November of even-numbered years,* and in the case of  
23 special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at  
24 which any such officer is finally elected.

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

31 Sec. 35. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
32 2007. (a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a  
33 special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of  
34 them.

35 (b) "County election officer" means:

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

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

40 (3) the county clerk ~~(or the election commissioner if there is one),~~ of  
41 the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in  
42 the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists  
43 concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this



1 subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such  
2 specification shall be conclusive.

3 (c) "~~Filing deadline~~" means ~~the hour, date or time after which it is~~  
4 ~~provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public~~  
5 ~~office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the~~  
6 ~~Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any~~  
7 ~~odd-numbered year the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and~~  
8 ~~amendments thereto.~~

9 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
10 2010. (a) Election of board members and question submitted elections  
11 shall be conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the  
12 school district. Board member general elections shall be held on the ~~first~~  
13 ~~Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is~~  
14 ~~required to be held, such Tuesday following the first Monday in November~~  
15 ~~of even-numbered years. A primary election shall be held on the first~~  
16 ~~Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-~~  
17 ~~numbered years in August of even-numbered years.~~

18 (b) *School district elections shall be partisan and shall be conducted*  
19 *in accordance with article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes*  
20 *Annotated, and amendments thereto.*

21 Sec. 37. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
22 2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
23 school elections shall be listed in the ~~various possible orders in rotation~~  
24 ~~order as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and amendments thereto and K.S.A.~~  
25 ~~25-610, and amendments thereto.~~

26 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
27 2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe  
28 the form ~~and time~~ of every publication notice applicable to any primary or  
29 general school election.

30 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
31 2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted  
32 elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

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

41 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form  
42 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part  
43 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this

1 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe  
2 any particular form.

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

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

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

33 Sec. 40. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as  
34 follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any  
35 school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board  
36 member by any one of the following methods:

37 (1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition  
38 to be a candidate for board member from the member 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 member district or by a number of such electors equal to  
42 not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district,  
43 whichever is less.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

42 (e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the  
43 county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the

1 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or  
 2 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.  
 3 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the  
 4 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and  
 5 amendments thereto.

6 Sec. 41. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 7 2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy  
 8 which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired  
 9 term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in  
 10 a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that  
 11 the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the  
 12 board not sooner than ~~fifteen (15)~~ 15 days after such publication. If such  
 13 vacancy occurs before ~~January 1 of an odd-numbered year~~ *May 1 of the*  
 14 *second year of the term* leaving an unexpired term of more than two years  
 15 such appointee shall serve until the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday in January* after  
 16 the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, ~~or~~  
 17 ~~any and~~ amendments thereto.

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

23 Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 24 2023. ~~Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with the~~  
 25 ~~election officer not later than ten (10) days~~ *The term of office of each*  
 26 *board member shall commence on the second Monday in January*  
 27 ~~following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after~~  
 28 ~~issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later~~  
 29 ~~date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following the~~  
 30 ~~general school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an~~  
 31 *oath of office with the county election office.* Each member elected to a  
 32 board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or  
 33 appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four ~~(4)~~ years.

34 Sec. 43. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as  
 35 follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held  
 36 on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of *both* even-  
 37 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~  
 38 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to  
 39 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

40 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first  
 41 Tuesday in August of *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the~~  
 42 ~~election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in~~  
 43 ~~April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates

1 for special election to any national, state, county, city ~~or~~, school *or*  
2 *municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which  
3 no officer is finally elected.

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

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

8 Sec. 44. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
9 2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the ~~first~~  
10 ~~Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by~~  
11 ~~charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12,~~  
12 ~~section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of~~  
13 ~~city officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers~~  
14 ~~shall be two (2) years. Provided, however, That the provisions of this~~  
15 ~~section shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter~~  
16 ~~ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than~~  
17 ~~one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000)~~  
18 ~~located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand~~  
19 ~~(50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance~~  
20 ~~had become effective prior to April 30, 1968 Tuesday following the first~~  
21 ~~Monday in November of even-numbered years.~~

22 (b) *A primary shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of each*  
23 *even-numbered and odd-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-202,*  
24 *and amendments thereto.*

25 (c) *Any city may hold elections for city officers at the primary and*  
26 *general elections in odd-numbered years for the purpose of staggering*  
27 *terms of office or where a three-year term of office is provided.*

28 Sec. 45. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as  
29 follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on  
30 the ~~first Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of~~  
31 ~~every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided~~  
32 ~~in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each even-~~  
33 ~~numbered and odd-numbered year.~~

34 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there  
35 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the  
36 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary  
37 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates  
38 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the  
39 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there  
40 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall  
41 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed  
42 on the ballots in the general election.

43 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in

1 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there  
2 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there  
3 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of  
4 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest  
5 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the  
6 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of  
7 candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary  
8 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in  
9 the general election.

10 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names  
11 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates  
12 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office  
13 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The  
14 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name  
15 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote  
16 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary  
17 city election ballots.

18 Sec. 46. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
19 2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be ~~12:00 o'clock noon~~  
20 ~~of the Tuesday preceding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at 12~~  
21 ~~noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

22 Sec. 47. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as  
23 follows: 25-2110. (a) ~~In cities of the first and second class, any person~~  
24 ~~desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file~~  
25 ~~with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy~~  
26 ~~on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the~~  
27 ~~secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing~~  
28 ~~under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the~~  
29 ~~filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the~~  
30 ~~county election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to~~  
31 ~~become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the~~  
32 ~~county election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the~~  
33 ~~county in which the greater population of the city is located if the city~~  
34 ~~extends into more than one county, or the city clerk, before the filing~~  
35 ~~deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a~~  
36 ~~statement declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county~~  
37 ~~election officer as specified by the secretary of state.~~

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

43 (c) ~~In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than~~

1 ~~100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 or, in~~  
2 ~~lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the~~  
3 ~~city or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less~~  
4 ~~than 1% of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election,~~  
5 ~~whichever is less.~~

6 ~~(d) In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such~~  
7 ~~filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50; or, in lieu of such filing~~  
8 ~~fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a~~  
9 ~~number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots cast at~~  
10 ~~the last general city election, whichever is less. *The number of qualified*~~  
11 ~~*electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition, shall be*~~  
12 ~~*established by the city governing body by passage of an ordinance.*~~

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

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

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

28 Sec. 48. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
29 2113. ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, City elections~~  
30 ~~shall be nonpartisan partisan and shall be conducted in accordance with~~  
31 ~~chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.~~  
32 Laws applicable to elections occurring at the same time as city elections  
33 shall apply to city elections to the extent that the same are not in conflict  
34 with the provisions of this act.

35 ~~(b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the~~  
36 ~~first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized~~  
37 ~~by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a~~  
38 ~~general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not~~  
39 ~~in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to~~  
40 ~~election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies,~~  
41 ~~shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b).~~  
42 ~~The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot~~  
43 ~~labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall~~

1 ~~make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as~~  
 2 ~~may be necessary for the conduct of such elections.~~

3 Sec. 49. K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 4 2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general  
 5 city elections ~~in cities of the first and second class~~ shall be listed ~~in the~~  
 6 ~~various possible orders in rotation as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and~~  
 7 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-610, and amendments thereto.~~

8 Sec. 50. K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
 9 2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall  
 10 promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election  
 11 results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall  
 12 ~~commence with and include the first regular meeting of the governing~~  
 13 ~~body on the second Monday in January~~ following certification of the  
 14 election.

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

19 Sec. 51. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as  
 20 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the  
 21 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the  
 22 following:

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

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

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

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

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

36 ~~(6) (4) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one~~  
 37 ~~specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and~~

38 ~~(7) (5) the day of any primary or general election or any question~~  
 39 ~~submitted election.~~

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

43 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of



1 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general  
2 ~~state, city and school~~ elections. The days so specified by the secretary of  
3 state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of  
4 state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general ~~state,~~  
5 ~~city and school~~ election.

6 (d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by  
7 the secretary of state under subsection (c) ~~of this section~~, county election  
8 officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business  
9 hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon  
10 such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three  
11 business days before closing of registration books prior to ~~state~~ primary  
12 and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration  
13 of voters until 9 p.m. in ~~cities of the first and second class~~ *any city*.

14 (e) County election officers shall accept and process applications  
15 received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles  
16 not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter  
17 registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
18 preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or  
19 missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the  
20 day of any election.

21 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting  
22 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration  
23 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed, and days when it is  
24 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or  
25 closed.

26 (g) Before each primary and general election held in *both* even-  
27 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, and at times and in a form prescribed  
28 by the secretary of state, each county election officer shall certify to the  
29 secretary of state the number of registered voters in each precinct of the  
30 county as shown by the registration books in the office of such county  
31 election officer.

32 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
33 2502. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the  
34 Tuesday ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-  
35 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~  
36 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to  
37 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

38 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first  
39 Tuesday in August of *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the~~  
40 ~~election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in~~  
41 ~~April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates  
42 for special election to any national, state, county, township, city ~~or~~, school,  
43 *municipal or special district* office are eliminated by the process of the

1 election but at which no officer is finally elected.

2 Sec. 53. K.S.A. 25-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
3 2804. (a) Each person recommended as provided in ~~subsection (a) of~~  
4 K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area  
5 served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

6 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and  
7 clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which  
8 they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other  
9 than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to  
10 be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint  
11 persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or  
12 clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an  
13 elector *and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher,*  
14 *counselor or administrator.* No more than ~~one person~~ *two persons* under  
15 the age of 18 may be appointed to each election board.

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

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

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

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

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

36 Sec. 54. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
37 3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,  
38 and such occurrence is not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ 90 days and not less than  
39 ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days before any primary election ~~of state officers,~~  
40 the election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the  
41 primary election ~~of state officers.~~

42 (b) ~~In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and~~  
43 ~~such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty~~

1 ~~(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school~~  
2 ~~officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in~~  
3 ~~this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as~~  
4 ~~such primary or general election.~~

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

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

27 Sec. 55. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as  
28 follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election *held in August of a*  
29 *presidential election year*, the members of the party residing in each  
30 precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as  
31 precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct  
32 committeewoman *to serve four-year terms*. No person shall be eligible to  
33 be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct  
34 committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually  
35 lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all  
36 other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party  
37 on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.  
38 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office  
39 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by  
40 appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which  
41 occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall  
42 not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its  
43 chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinct

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

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

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

19 Sec. 56. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as  
20 follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of  
21 directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote  
22 as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) and residents of a county in which the  
23 district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in  
24 which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members  
25 shall hold office for a period of ~~three~~ *two or four years such term of office,*  
26 *as established by the board of directors, by passage of a resolution,* and  
27 each shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. The  
28 members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an  
29 irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular  
30 election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of  
31 this section except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided  
32 in subsection (e) of this section.

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

1 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the  
2 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of  
3 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district  
4 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute  
5 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members  
6 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,  
7 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the  
8 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place  
9 of any absent member.

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

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

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

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

1 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall  
2 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration  
3 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

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

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

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

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

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



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

17 Sec. 57. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
18 1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may  
19 be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period  
20 beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each odd-  
21 numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in ~~December~~ *June* of each  
22 even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner  
23 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of  
24 election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next  
25 following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in  
26 the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not  
27 shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time the change  
28 is made.

29 Sec. 58. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
30 1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college shall  
31 be elected for a four-year term commencing on the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday*  
32 *in January* following election. Members shall serve until their successors  
33 are elected or appointed and qualified.

34 Sec. 59. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
35 1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted  
36 by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of  
37 the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than  
38 one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate  
39 with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is  
40 located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding  
41 territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, in  
42 accordance with this section, shall specify the county in which the main  
43 campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General

1 community college elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of~~  
2 ~~each odd-numbered year~~ following the first Monday in November of each  
3 ~~odd-numbered year~~.

4 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the  
5 ~~Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-~~  
6 ~~numbered years~~ first Tuesday of August of each odd-numbered year in  
7 accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.

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

12 Sec. 60. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
13 1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in  
14 effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a  
15 community college by any one of the following methods:

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

21 (B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become  
22 a candidate for member from the member district in which such person  
23 resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such  
24 a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$5~~ \$20.

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

31 (D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member  
32 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district  
33 may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with  
34 the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate,  
35 and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$5~~ \$20.

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

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

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

1 electors residing in the college district.

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

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

13 Sec. 61. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-  
14 1419. (a) ~~The election of trustees of community colleges shall be~~  
15 ~~nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply~~  
16 ~~in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is~~  
17 ~~a crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.~~

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

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

27 Sec. 62. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-  
28 8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school  
29 district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during  
30 the period beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ November of each  
31 ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in  
32 ~~December~~ June of each ~~even-numbered~~ odd-numbered year, if such  
33 change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end  
34 of such period. The new method of election and voting plan in such school  
35 district shall be followed in the election of members next following such  
36 change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner  
37 provided in this act. Change of method of election or voting plan shall not  
38 shorten the term of any member serving on the board at the time the  
39 change is made, and the county election officer shall not submit to election  
40 any plan of change which violates this prohibition.

41 Sec. 63. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-  
42 2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four  
43 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members

1 of boards. The four methods are:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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20 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is  
21 qualified to vote.

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

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

1       Sec. 64. K.S.A. 2-623, 12-344, 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004,  
2 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f,  
3 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007,  
4 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-  
5 1015, 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023,  
6 12-1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-  
7 1031, 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b,  
8 12-1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037,  
9 12-1038, 13-1220, 13-1221, 19-2680, 19-2760, 19-2762, 19-3505, 19-  
10 3507, 24-504, 25-202, 25-209, 25-210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006,  
11 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-  
12 2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-3503,  
13 42-706, 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1417, 71-1419, 72-8008  
14 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, 13-363, 24-412, 24-414, 24-  
15 459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102,  
16 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801 and 42-706 are hereby repealed.

17       Sec. 65. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
18 publication in the statute book.