AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election commissioners; amending K.S.A. 19-3419 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 19-3419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3419. In counties of this state having a population exceeding 130,000, there shall be an office of commissioner of elections, which shall be administered by an election commissioner. The election commissioner shall be appointed by the secretary of state board of county commissioners and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The secretary of state board of county commissioners may remove the election commissioner for official misconduct. Upon occurrence of a vacancy in the office of county election commissioner, the secretary of state board of county commissioners shall appoint a successor. If the vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term of office, the appointment shall be for the unexpired term. Such election commissioner shall have been a qualified elector and a resident of the county at least two years prior to appointment. Within 10 days after receiving official notice of the appointment and before entering upon the duties of the office, the election commissioner shall take, subscribe and cause to be filed in the office of the secretary of state an oath of office for the faithful discharge of official duties.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-3419 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.