AN ACT concerning elections; relating to permanent advance voting status; amending K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 25-1122 and 25-1122d and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county election officer where the person is a resident, or where 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, 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, 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.

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

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

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

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

(1) The county election official verifies that the signature of the person matches that on file in the county voter registration records, except that verification of the voter's signature shall not be required if a voter has a disability preventing the voter from signing. Signature verification may occur by electronic device or by human inspection. In the event that the signature of a person who is requesting an advance voting ballot does not match that on file, the county election officer shall attempt to contact the person and shall offer the person another opportunity to provide the person's signature for the purposes of verifying the person's identity. If the county election officer is unable to reach the person, the county election officer may transmit a provisional ballot, however, such provisional ballot may not be counted unless a signature is included therewith that can be verified; and

(2) the person provides such person's full Kansas driver's license number, Kansas nondriver's identification card number issued by the division of vehicles, or submits such person's application for an advance voting ballot and a copy of identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, to the county election officer for verification. If a person applies for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail but fails to provide identification pursuant to this subsection or the identification of the person cannot be verified by the county election officer, the county election officer shall provide information to the person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall provide the person an opportunity to provide identification pursuant to this subsection. For the purposes of this act, Kansas state offices and offices of any subdivision of the state will allow any person seeking to vote by an advance voting ballot the use of a photocopying device to make one photocopy of an identification document at no cost.

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

(1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August in both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, between April 1 of such year and the Tuesday of the week preceding such primary election.

(2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, between 90 days prior to such election and the Tuesday of the week preceding such general election.

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

(4) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a
primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice thereof and the Tuesday of the week preceding such question submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on a day other than a Tuesday, the final date for mailing of advance voting ballots shall be one week before such election.

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

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

(g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later than 12 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

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

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

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

(i) Any person who does not have a permanent disability or illness is authorized to make an application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for permanent advance voting status under this subsection shall clearly state that if the person who makes such application does not
vote in two consecutive elections, or if the clerk receives a notice that the
mail of the person who makes such application is undeliverable, such
person shall be removed from the permanent advance voter status.

(j) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this
section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such
officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such
applications, together with their correct post office address and the
precinct, ward, township or voting area in which the persons claim to be
registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct
residents and the present resident address of each applicant. Names and
addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The county
election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and addresses
of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All such lists
shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with this
subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The
county election officer upon receipt of the applications shall enter upon a
record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant, which
record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of any
advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make the
inspection shall provide to the county election officer identification in the
form of driver's license or other reliable identification and shall sign a log
book or application form maintained by the officer stating the person's
name and address and showing the date and time of inspection. All records
made by the county election officer shall be subject to public inspection,
extcept that the voter identification information required by subsections (b)
and (c) and the identifying number on ballots and ballot envelopes and
records of such numbers shall not be made public.

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

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

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 25-1122d is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-1122d. (a) The application for an advance voting ballot to be
transmitted by mail shall be accompanied by an affirmation in substance as follows:

Affirmation of an Elector of the County of ______________ and State of Kansas Desiring to Vote an Advance Voting Ballot

State of ______________, County of ______________, ss:

I,______________________________________________

(Please print name)
do solemnly affirm under penalty of perjury that I am a qualified elector of the ______ precinct of the _______ ward, residing at number ________ on ____________ street, city of ____________, or in the township of ______________, county of ____________, and state of Kansas. My date of birth is _______ (month/day/year).

I understand that a current and valid Kansas driver’s license number or Kansas nondriver’s identification card number must be provided in order to receive a ballot. If I do not have a current and valid Kansas driver’s license number or Kansas nondriver’s identification card number, I must provide one of the following forms of identification with this application in order to receive a ballot:

A copy of any one of the following types of photographic identification: A driver’s license issued by Kansas or by another state or district of the United States, a state identification card issued by Kansas or by another state or district of the United States, a concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or a concealed carry of handgun or weapon license issued by another state or district of the United States, a United States passport, an employee badge or identification document issued by a municipal, county, state, or federal government office or agency, a military identification document issued by the United States, a student identification card issued by an accredited post secondary institution of education in the state of Kansas, or a public assistance identification card issued by a municipal, county, state, or federal government office or agency.

I am entitled to vote an advance voting ballot and I have not voted and will not otherwise vote at the election to be held on ____________ (date). My political party is __________ (to be filled in only when requesting primary election ballots). I desire my ballots to be sent to the following address:

______________________________________________

Signature of voter.

Note: False statement on this affirmation is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

(b) The application for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted in person shall be accompanied by an affirmation in substance as follows:
Affirmation of an Elector of the County of _____________ and State of Kansas Desiring to Vote an Advance Voting Ballot State of _____________, County of _____________, ss:

I, ____________________________________________
(Please print name)
do solemnly affirm under penalty of perjury that I am a qualified elector of the _______ precinct of the _______ ward, residing at number _______ on __________ street, city of _______, or in the township of __________, county of _______, and state of Kansas. My date of birth is __________ (month/day/year).

I am entitled to vote an advance voting ballot and I have not voted and will not otherwise vote at the election to be held on ____________ (date).

My political party is ___________ (to be filled in only when requesting primary election ballots).

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Signature of voter.

Note: False statement on this affirmation is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

(c) (1) An application for permanent advance voting status shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state for this purpose. Such application shall contain an affirmation concerning substantially the same information required in subsection (a) and in addition thereto a statement regarding the permanent character of such illness or disability.

(2) Any person may apply for permanent advance voting status who does not have a permanent disability or illness on a form prescribed by the secretary of state which shall state the requirements for maintaining such permanent advance voting status as required in K.S.A. 25-1122, and amendments thereto.

(d) Any application by a former precinct resident shall state both the former and present residence, address, precinct and county of such former precinct resident and the date of change of residence.

(e) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to implement the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 25-1122 and 25-1122d are hereby repealed.

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