

*As Amended by Senate Committee*

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*Session of 2023*

**SENATE BILL No. 208**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots;  
2 ~~restricting the number of {prohibiting the use of} remote ballot boxes~~  
3 ~~that may be used for the return of such ballots; providing monitoring~~  
4 ~~requirements for the use of such ballot boxes.~~

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

7 Section 1. (a) ~~A county election office shall only use remote ballot~~  
8 ~~boxes in accordance with this section. A county election office may~~  
9 ~~designate and use not more than one remote ballot box for each election.~~  
10 Such remote ballot box shall be located inside the county election office.

11 (b) ~~While open and accessible for the deposit of advance voting~~  
12 ~~ballots, each remote ballot box used in an election shall be continuously~~  
13 ~~observed by two individuals who are each affiliated with a recognized~~  
14 ~~political party, but who are not affiliated with the same political party. All~~  
15 ~~remote ballot boxes shall be closed and shall not be accessible for the~~  
16 ~~deposit of advance voting ballots when the county election office is closed.~~  
17 All remote ballot boxes shall be closed, locked and shall not be accessible  
18 ~~for the deposit of advance voting ballots after 7:00 p.m. on the date of the~~  
19 ~~election, except that any voter who is waiting to deposit an advance voting~~  
20 ~~ballot in a remote ballot box at 7:00 p.m. shall be permitted to deposit such~~  
21 ~~ballot.~~

22 (c) ~~Each remote ballot box shall have a sign conspicuously posted~~  
23 ~~near the opening for depositing an advance voting ballot stating the~~  
24 ~~requirements for and the statutory limit on the number of advance voting~~  
25 ~~ballots that may be transmitted by a person other than the voter under~~  
26 ~~K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, and the penalty for violations~~  
27 ~~thereof. Such signage shall be in compliance with any rules and~~  
28 ~~regulations adopted by the secretary of state {No county election office~~  
29 ~~shall use any remote ballot box for the purposes of the return of advance~~  
30 ~~voting ballots}.~~

31 (d) ~~{(b)}~~ The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations  
32 necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this section;  
33 ~~including, but not limited to, rules and regulations requiring that advance~~  
34 ~~voting ballots returned using a remote ballot box shall be preserved~~

1     separately from all other ballots collected by a county election office.

2       (e){(c)} As used in this section, "remote ballot box" means any form  
3     of a locked ballot box designated by the county election officer as  
4     available for use for depositing advance voting ballots.—~~Remote ballot~~  
5     ~~box~~ does not include any ballot boxes located in a county election office  
6     or satellite advance voting site. {"*Remote ballot box*" does not include  
7     *any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite advance*  
8     *voting site.*}

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