

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on House amendments to **SB 14** submits the following report:

The Senate accedes to all House amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with House Committee amendments, as follows:

On page 1, by striking all in lines 6 through 36;

On page 2, by striking all in lines 1 through 28; following line 28, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2023 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 person is a resident, or where such 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) (1) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:

(A) 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;

(B) 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;

(C) for the presidential preference primary election held pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto, between January 1 of the year in which such election is held and 30 days prior to the day of such election;

(D) 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;

(E) 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; and

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

(2) 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) (1) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person shall be filed on the Tuesday next preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until ~~no~~ not 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 or Sunday preceding the election, except that such election officer shall provide at least four hours of in-person voting on the Saturday preceding an 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.

(2) 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.

(3) 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) 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, except 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.

(j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in four consecutive

general elections, 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.

(k) (1) Any person who solicits by mail a registered voter to file an application for an advance voting ballot and includes an application for an advance voting ballot in such mailing shall include on the exterior of such mailing, and on each page contained therein, except the application, a clear and conspicuous label in 14-point font or larger that includes:

(A) The name of the individual or organization that caused such solicitation to be mailed;

(B) if an organization, the name of the president, chief executive officer or executive director of such organization;

(C) the address of such individual or organization; and

(D) the following statement: "Disclosure: This is not a government mailing. It is from a private individual or organization."

(2) The application for an advance voting ballot included in such mailing shall be the official application for advance ballot by mail provided by the secretary of state. No portion of such application shall be completed prior to mailing such application to the registered voter.

(3) An application for an advance voting ballot shall include an envelope addressed to the appropriate county election office for the mailing of such application. In no case shall the person who mails the application to the voter direct that the completed application be returned to

such person.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(A) The secretary of state or any election official or county election office; or

(B) the official protection and advocacy for voting access agency for this state as designated pursuant to the federal help America vote act of 2002, public law 107-252, or any other entity required to provide information concerning elections and voting procedures by federal law.

(5) A violation of this subsection is a class C nonperson misdemeanor.

(1) (1) No person shall mail or cause to be mailed an application for an advance voting ballot, unless such person is a resident of this state or is otherwise domiciled in this state.

(2) Any individual may file a complaint in writing with the attorney general alleging a violation of this subsection. Such complaint shall include the name of the person alleged to have violated this subsection and any other information as required by the attorney general. Upon receipt of a complaint, the attorney general shall investigate and may file an action against any person found to have violated this subsection.

(3) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of \$20. Each instance in which a person mails an application for an advance voting ballot in violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation.

(m) A county election officer shall not mail a ballot to a voter unless such voter has submitted an application for an advance voting ballot, except that a ballot may be mailed to a voter if such voter has permanent advance voting ballot status pursuant to subsection (h) or if the election is conducted pursuant to the mail ballot election act, K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(n) 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. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122, as amended by section 1 of this act, is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county election officer where such person is a resident, or where such 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.

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(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

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(B) 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~~ 14 days preceding such general election;

(C) for the presidential preference primary election held pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto, between January 1 of the year in which such election is held and 30 days prior to the day of such election;

(D) 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;

(E) 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~~ 14 days 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~~ 14 days before such election; and

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

(2) 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) (1) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person shall be filed on the Tuesday next preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until not later than ~~12 noon on the day~~ 7:00 p.m. Sunday preceding such election except a county election officer may allow in-person voting until noon Monday for any person for good cause. If the county election officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person also may be filed on the Saturday or Sunday preceding the election, except that such election officer shall provide at least four hours of in-person voting on the Saturday preceding an 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.

(2) 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.

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(j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in four consecutive general elections, 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.

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(A) The name of the individual or organization that caused such solicitation to be mailed;

(B) if an organization, the name of the president, chief executive officer or executive director of such organization;

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(2) The application for an advance voting ballot included in such mailing shall be the official application for advance ballot by mail provided by the secretary of state. No portion of such application shall be completed prior to mailing such application to the registered voter.

(3) An application for an advance voting ballot shall include an envelope addressed to the appropriate county election office for the mailing of such application. In no case shall the person who mails the application to the voter direct that the completed application be returned to such person.

(4) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to:

(A) The secretary of state or any election official or county election office; or

(B) the official protection and advocacy for voting access agency for this state as

designated pursuant to the federal help America vote act of 2002, public law 107-252, or any other entity required to provide information concerning elections and voting procedures by federal law.

(5) A violation of this subsection is a class C nonperson misdemeanor.

(1) (1) No person shall mail or cause to be mailed an application for an advance voting ballot, unless such person is a resident of this state or is otherwise domiciled in this state.

(2) Any individual may file a complaint in writing with the attorney general alleging a violation of this subsection. Such complaint shall include the name of the person alleged to have violated this subsection and any other information as required by the attorney general. Upon receipt of a complaint, the attorney general shall investigate and may file an action against any person found to have violated this subsection.

(3) Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is subject to a civil penalty of \$20. Each instance in which a person mails an application for an advance voting ballot in violation of this section shall constitute a separate violation.

(m) A county election officer shall not mail a ballot to a voter unless such voter has submitted an application for an advance voting ballot, except that a ballot may be mailed to a voter if such voter has permanent advance voting ballot status pursuant to subsection (h) or if the election is conducted pursuant to the mail ballot election act, K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(n) 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. 3. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 25-1123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1123. (a) When an application for an advance voting ballot has been filed in accordance with K.S.A. 25-1122, and amendments thereto, the county election officer shall

transmit to the voter applying therefor one each of the appropriate ballots. Unless an advance voting ballot is transmitted in person pursuant to this subsection, the county election officer shall transmit the advance voting ballots to the voter at one of the following addresses as specified by the voter on such application: (1) The voter's residential address or mailing address as indicated on the registration list; (2) the voter's temporary residential address; or (3) a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, psychiatric hospital, hospice or adult care home where the voter resides. No advance voting ballot shall be transmitted by the county election officer by any means prior to the ~~20th~~ 22nd day before the election for which an application for an advance voting ballot has been received by such county election officer. If the advance voting ballot is transmitted by mail, such ballot shall be transmitted with printed instructions prescribed by the secretary of state and a ballot envelope bearing upon the outside a printed form as described in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the same number as the number of the ballot. If the advance voting ballot is transmitted to the applicant in person in the office of the county election officer or at a satellite advance voting site, such advance voting ballot and printed instructions shall be transmitted in an advance voting ballot envelope bearing upon the outside a printed form as described in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the same number as the number of the ballot unless the voter elects to deposit the advance voting ballot into a locked ballot box without an envelope. All ballots shall be transmitted to the advance voting voter not more than ~~20~~ 22 days before the election but within two business days of the receipt of such voter's application by the election officer or the commencement of such ~~20-day~~ 22-day period. In primary elections required to be conducted on a partisan basis, the election officer shall deliver to such voter the ballot of the political party of the applicant.

(b) The restrictions in subsection (a) relating to where a county election officer may transmit an advance voting ballot shall not apply to an advance voting ballot requested pursuant

to 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.

(c) The county election officer shall compare the driver's license number, nondriver's identification card number or copy of other valid identification provided by a voter to the voter registration list verified by the division of vehicles in accordance with federal law. If no identification information was provided by the voter or if such information does not match the information on the voter registration list, the county election officer shall transmit a provisional advance voting ballot.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-1128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1128. (a) No voter shall knowingly mark or transmit to the county election officer more than one advance voting ballot, or set of one of each kind of ballot, if the voter is entitled to vote more than one such ballot at a particular election.

(b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 25-1124, and amendments thereto, no person shall knowingly interfere with or delay the transmission of any advance voting ballot application from a voter to the county election officer, nor shall any person mail, fax or otherwise cause the application to be sent to a place other than the county election office. Any person or group engaged in the distribution of advance voting ballot applications shall mail, fax or otherwise deliver any application signed by a voter to the county election office within two days after such application is signed by the applicant.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the voter, shall knowingly mark, sign or transmit to the county election officer any advance voting ballot or advance voting ballot envelope.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall knowingly sign an application for an advance voting ballot for another person. This provision shall not apply if a voter has a

disability preventing the voter from signing an application or if an immediate family member signs an application on behalf of another immediate family member with proper authorization being given.

(e) No person, unless authorized by K.S.A. 25-1122 or 25-1124, and amendments thereto, shall knowingly intercept, interfere with, or delay the transmission of advance voting ballots from the county election officer to the voter.

(f) No person shall knowingly and falsely affirm, declare or subscribe to any material fact in an affirmation form for an advance voting ballot or set of advance voting ballots.

(g) A voter may return such voter's advance voting ballot to the county election officer by personal delivery or by mail. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, a person other than the voter may return the advance voting ballot by personal delivery or mail if authorized by the voter in writing as provided in K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, except that a written designation shall not be required from a voter who has a disability preventing the voter from writing or signing a written designation. Any such person designated by the voter shall sign a statement in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto. All ballots cast by advance in-person voting shall be delivered to the county election office not later than 12 noon on the Monday preceding the date of the election. If the county election officer so provides, such ballots may be delivered or cast on the Saturday or Sunday preceding the election, except that such election officer shall provide at least four hours of in-person advance voting on the Saturday preceding an election.

(h) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, no person shall knowingly backdate or otherwise alter a postmark or other official indication of the date of mailing of an advance voting ballot returned to the county election officer by mail for the purpose of indicating a date of mailing other than the actual date of mailing by the voter or the voter's designee.

(i) Violation of any provision of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

Sec. 5. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 25-1128, as amended by section 4 of this act, is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1128. (a) No voter shall knowingly mark or transmit to the county election officer more than one advance voting ballot, or set of one of each kind of ballot, if the voter is entitled to vote more than one such ballot at a particular election.

(b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 25-1124, and amendments thereto, no person shall knowingly interfere with or delay the transmission of any advance voting ballot application from a voter to the county election officer, nor shall any person mail, fax or otherwise cause the application to be sent to a place other than the county election office. Any person or group engaged in the distribution of advance voting ballot applications shall mail, fax or otherwise deliver any application signed by a voter to the county election office within two days after such application is signed by the applicant.

(c) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the voter, shall knowingly mark, sign or transmit to the county election officer any advance voting ballot or advance voting ballot envelope.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person shall knowingly sign an application for an advance voting ballot for another person. This provision shall not apply if a voter has a disability preventing the voter from signing an application or if an immediate family member signs an application on behalf of another immediate family member with proper authorization being given.

(e) No person, unless authorized by K.S.A. 25-1122 or 25-1124, and amendments thereto, shall knowingly intercept, interfere with, or delay the transmission of advance voting ballots from the county election officer to the voter.

(f) No person shall knowingly and falsely affirm, declare or subscribe to any material

fact in an affirmation form for an advance voting ballot or set of advance voting ballots.

(g) A voter may return such voter's advance voting ballot to the county election officer by personal delivery or by mail. Subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, a person other than the voter may return the advance voting ballot by personal delivery or mail if authorized by the voter in writing as provided in K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, except that a written designation shall not be required from a voter who has a disability preventing the voter from writing or signing a written designation. Any such person designated by the voter shall sign a statement in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto. All ballots cast by advance in-person voting shall be delivered to the county election office not later than ~~12 noon~~ 7:00 p.m. on the ~~Monday~~ Sunday preceding the date of the election. If the county election officer so provides, such ballots may be delivered or cast on the Saturday or Sunday preceding the election, except that such election officer shall provide at least four hours of in-person advance voting on the Saturday preceding an election.

(h) Except as otherwise provided by federal law, no person shall knowingly backdate or otherwise alter a postmark or other official indication of the date of mailing of an advance voting ballot returned to the county election officer by mail for the purpose of indicating a date of mailing other than the actual date of mailing by the voter or the voter's designee.

(i) Violation of any provision of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

Sec. 6. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 25-1132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1132. (a) All advance voting ballots that are received in the office of the county election officer or any polling place within the county not later than the hour for closing of the polls on the date of any election specified in K.S.A. 25-1122(f), and amendments thereto, shall be delivered by the county election officer to the appropriate special election board provided for in K.S.A. 25-1133, and amendments thereto.

~~(b) Subject to the deadline for receipt by the office of the county election officer as set forth in this subsection, all advance voting ballots received by mail by the office of the county election officer after the closing of the polls on the date of any election specified in K.S.A. 25-1122(f), and amendments thereto, and which are postmarked or are otherwise indicated by the United States postal service to have been mailed on or before the close of the polls on the date of the election, shall be delivered by the county election officer to a special election board or the county board of canvassers, as determined by the secretary of state, for canvassing in a manner consistent, as nearly as may be, with other advance voting ballots. The deadline for the receipt by mail of the advance voting ballots by the office of the county election officer shall be the last delivery of mail by the United States postal service 7:00 p.m. on the third day following the date of the election.~~

~~(c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to implement this subsection section.~~

Sec. 7. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the following:

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

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

(3) ~~the 20~~ 22 days preceding the day of primary and general elections;

(4) the 30 days preceding the day of any presidential preference primary election held

pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto;

(5) the ~~20~~22 days preceding the day of any election other than one specified in this subsection; and

(6) the day of any primary or general election or any question submitted election.

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

(c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general elections. The days so specified by the secretary of state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general election.

(d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by the secretary of state under subsection (c), county election officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three business days before closing of registration books prior to primary and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration of voters until 9 p.m. in any city.

(e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), county election officers shall accept and process applications received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles not later than the ~~21st~~23rd day preceding the date of any election or mailed voter registration applications that are postmarked not later than the ~~21st~~23rd day preceding the date of any election except, if the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter registration applications received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the day of any election.

(2) For any presidential preference primary election held pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto, county election officers shall accept and process applications received

by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles not later than the 31st day preceding the date of such election or mailed voter registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 31st day preceding such election except, if the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter registration applications received in the mail not later than the 19th day preceding the day of such election.

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

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

Also on page 2, in line 29, by striking "2022 Supp. 40-2c01 is" and inserting "25-1128 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122 are"; following line 29, by inserting:

"Sec. 9. On and after January 1, 2025, K.S.A. 25-1123, 25-1128, as amended by section 4 of this act, and 25-1132 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122, as amended by section 1 of this act, and 25-2311 are hereby repealed.";

Also on page 2, in line 31, by striking "Kansas register" and inserting "statute book";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking all after "concerning"; in line 2, by striking all before the semicolon and inserting "elections; relating to advance ballots; extending the time for transmittal of advance ballots to voters to 22 days prior to an election; changing the voter registration deadline before an election to the 23rd day preceding the election; requiring county

election officers to provide at least four hours of advance in-person voting on the Saturday before an election; providing that after January 1, 2025, if advance voting ballots are cast in person, such ballots must be received in the county election office by 7:00 p.m. on the Sunday preceding the election; providing an exception; requiring the return of all advance voting ballots by 7:00 p.m. on election day"; also in line 2, by striking "2022"; in line 3, by striking all before "and" and inserting "25-1123, 25-1128, 25-1128, as amended by section 4 of this act, and 25-1132 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 25-1122, 25-1122, as amended by section 1 of this act, and 25-2311"; also in line 3, by striking "section" and inserting "sections";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

Conferees on part of House

Conferees on part of Senate