AN ACT concerning elections; relating to education of election workers; 
repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-124 is hereby amended to read as 
follows: 25-124. (a) County election officers, as defined in K.S.A. 25-
2503, and amendments thereto, shall receive instruction relating 
to their duties in conducting official elections, including procedures for 
complying with federal and state laws and regulations. The form and 
content of the instruction shall be determined by the secretary of state. 
(b) The secretary of state shall develop a standardized comprehensive 
training program covering all relevant state laws and rules and 
regulations relating to elections. The training program shall be required 
for all election workers including poll workers, election board judges, 
election clerks and election board members. 
(c) The secretary of state shall develop a standardized comprehensive 
training program covering all relevant state laws and rules and 
regulations relating to voter registration for all state and local government 
employees who are required to assist in voter registration. Such employees 
shall be required to complete such training program. 
(d) The training programs required under this section shall be in 
place before the August 7, 2012 primary election. Such programs shall 
include testing of participants to determine their understanding of the 
state laws and rules and regulations. 
Election board judges, clerks and poll workers must demonstrate a 
sufficient knowledge of the state laws and rules and regulations before 
assuming their election duties. 

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-2706 is hereby amended to read as 
follows: 25-2706. (a) The county election officer shall prepare and furnish 
copies of all registrations and all books, maps, instructions and blanks 
needed for the use and guidance of poll workers, election clerks, election 
judges and election boards and voters. County election officers may adopt 
such rules and regulations for elections as may be needed and not in 
conflict with state law or rules and regulations. Such rules and regulations 
shall be submitted to the secretary of state for approval.
(b) The county election officer as directed by the secretary of state shall furnish printed instructions to poll workers, election clerks, election judges and election boards, defining their duties and the law governing elections.

(c) (1) The county election officer as directed by the secretary of state shall furnish:

(A) Printed instructions to voters;
(B) a list of voters' rights and responsibilities;
(C) a sample ballot;
(D) notification of the date of the election; and
(E) the polling place hours.

(2) Each of the items in paragraph (1) shall be posted in every voting place at every election.

(3) Wherever the secretary of state deems it advisable, all items listed in subsection (c) shall be printed in English and in a language or languages other than English.

(d) The secretary of state shall specify the form and contents of instructions to voters, list of voters' rights and responsibilities and instructions to election boards. Such specifications shall be transmitted to county election officers and may be changed from time to time by the secretary of state.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-2806 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2806. The county election officer as directed by the secretary of state shall provide instruction for all election workers including poll agents, poll workers, election board judges and clerks before each election. The instruction shall relate to all matters covered in the training program required under K.S.A. 25-124, and amendments thereto, and any other matter which in the opinion of the county election officer require additional knowledge, explanation to, or training of such judges relating to elections generally, voting machines, ballots or duties in connection with any of the foregoing.


Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.