

SENATE BILL No. 177

By Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

2-12

1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to unauthorized voting disclosures;  
2 amending K.S.A. 25-2422 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-2422 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
6 2422. ~~(a) The name of any voter who has cast a ballot shall not be~~  
7 ~~disclosed from the time the ballot is cast until the final canvass of the~~  
8 ~~election.~~ Unauthorized voting disclosure is, while being charged with any  
9 election duty, intentionally:

10 ~~(a)(1) Disclosing or exposing the contents of any a regular or~~  
11 ~~provisional ballot or the manner in which the ballot has been voted any~~  
12 **ballot, whether cast in a regular or provisional manner, or the name of**  
13 **any voter who cast such ballot,** except as ordered by a court of competent  
14 jurisdiction; ~~or in an election contest pursuant to K.S.A. 25-1434 et seq.,~~  
15 **and amendments thereto.**

16 ~~(b)(2) endeavoring~~ To induce **or attempt to induce** any voter to show  
17 how the voter marks or has marked the voter's ballot.

18 **(b) The name of any voter who has cast a ballot shall not be**  
19 **disclosed from the time the ballot is cast until the final canvass of the**  
20 **election by the county board of canvassers.**

21 **(c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the disclosure of the names**  
22 **of persons who have voted advance ballots.**

23 ~~(d)~~ **(d) Nothing in this section shall prohibit authorized poll agents**  
24 **from observing elections as authorized by K.S.A. 25-3004, 25-3005 and**  
25 **25-3005a, and amendments thereto.**

26 **(e) Unauthorized voting disclosure is a severity level 10, nonperson**  
27 **felony.**

28 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-2422 is hereby repealed.

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