SENATE BILL No. 171

By Committee on Ethics and Elections


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

New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2016, all primary elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2016 and on such date thereafter of even-numbered years, and all general elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2016 of even-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

(b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in 2016 shall expire on the second Monday in January, 2017, when newly elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office. The governing body of the municipality shall establish by ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with this act.

(c) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as
provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.

(d) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

(e) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a filing fee of $20.

(f) All elections for officers of municipalities shall be on a partisan basis.

(g) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, county adopting a charter under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, and school district.

(h) Cities may provide for elections of elected officials in odd-numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of office or for three-year terms of office for elected officials. All such elections shall be conducted on a partisan basis.

New Sec. 2. All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a city's form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing of city primary and general elections, shall remain in effect until amended or repealed by such city.

New Sec. 3. (a) On and after January 1, 2016, all primary elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any special district shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and on such date thereafter of odd-numbered years and all general elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any special district shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

(b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected officials of special districts that would expire at any time in 2017 shall expire on the second Monday in January 2018, when newly elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office. The governing body of the special district shall establish by resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with this act.

(c) Primary elections for any special district, if otherwise required by law, shall be conducted on the first Tuesday in August in odd-numbered years.

(d) The county election officers, with the assistance of the secretary of state, shall conduct special district primary and general elections in odd-numbered years.
(e) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may become a candidate for the special district office by filing a declaration of intent to become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a filing fee of $20.
(f) All elections for officers of special districts shall be on a nonpartisan basis.
(g) The filing deadline for all candidates for any special district unless otherwise provided by law shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.
(h) "Special district" means any board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto, community college, drainage district, extension district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto, irrigation district, improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et seq., and amendments thereto, library district created under K.S.A. 12-1236 et seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under K.S.A. 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any special district where the election of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of the special district.

New Sec. 4. (a) All unified school districts shall make suitable school buildings available for polling places at the request of a county election officer for the county in which all or any portion of the school district is located.
(b) The county election officer shall give not less than 60 days' notice to the superintendent of the school district of the need to use one or more school buildings as polling places for any primary or general election.
(c) All unified school districts shall schedule an in-service training day for teachers when school is in session on the date of any primary or general election.
(d) The terms "primary election" and "general election" shall have the meanings as provided in K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto.

New Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall develop a public information program to inform the public generally of changes made as a result of moving spring elections to fall elections. Such public information program shall include, at a minimum, the explanation of which public office elections are being transferred from spring to fall elections, which offices will be elected on a partisan basis and which elected offices will be elected on a nonpartisan basis. The program shall include the use of advertisements and public service announcements as well as posting of information on the opening pages of the official internet websites of the secretary of state and county election officers. The secretary of state and county election officers shall develop dedicated websites to provide voter
education and sample ballots for elections.

(b) The county election officers in consultation with the secretary of state shall develop ways to reduce the ballot length and expedite the voting process on election days.

New Sec. 6. Section 1 through 5, and amendments thereto, may be cited as and shall be known as the help Kansas vote act.

New Sec. 7. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the official primary ballot for special district offices.

(b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary election in odd-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(c) For special districts where a primary election is not authorized or otherwise required by law, the declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon, September 1, prior to the general election in odd-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(d) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures for primary elections for special districts.

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

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a) Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils may establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to combine the extension programs for each county involved into one extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1) The board of county commissioners of each county included in the proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2) the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in accordance with subsection (h).

(b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and such district into one extension program serving a new extension district
composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:
(1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2) the executive board of the county extension council of each county being added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in accordance with subsection (h).

(c) On July 1 after the approval under subsection (a) or (b) of an agreement to establish an extension district, such extension district is hereby established and shall constitute a body corporate and politic possessing the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes under the name of "extension district no. _________ (the number designated by the director of extension), ________ counties (naming the counties included within the district), state of Kansas." Each extension district is a taxing subdivision and has the power to contract, sue and be sued and to acquire, hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law.

(d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension programs which are combined into the new district extension programs shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance with the agreement to establish the extension district.

(e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment.

(f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing
extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners of each county being included in an existing extension district shall appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment. Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first odd-numbered year following their appointment. The offices of the members of the governing body of the existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their existing terms of office.

(g) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement entered into under this section shall specify the permissible method or methods to be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the extension district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the extension district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

(h) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to its entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney general who shall determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney general shall approve any agreement submitted for approval under this section or K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto, unless the attorney general finds that the submitted agreement does not meet the requirements of this act. In such case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the proposed parties to the agreement and to each other entity required to approve the agreement, the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. Failure by the attorney general to disapprove an agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection within 90 days of its submission shall constitute approval of the agreement by the attorney general.

(i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed
extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing
extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a
resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to
approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included
in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each
week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If,
within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in
opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county
in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified
electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such
board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the
county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the
same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county
voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special
election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall
be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-
120, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be
composed of four representatives from each county included in the
extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first
appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four
members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected
in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

(b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to
membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the
governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such
member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall
commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member
elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and
qualified.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an The election to
elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are
expiring shall be held on the first Tuesday in April following the first
Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an
extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results
ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections
except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than 12 noon of the
Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years,
each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing
body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by
a filing fee of $5, with the county election officer of the county represented
by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund. The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order. Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in the manner as provided in section 7, and amendments thereto.

(3) The county election officer of each county within the extension district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding thereof shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

(4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under the general election laws.

(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

(e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize annually in July January by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 12-344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-344.

(a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

(b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the consolidation of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the plan shall:

(1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

(2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

(3) Authorize the appointment of, or elimination of elective officials
and offices.

(4) Specify the effective date of the consolidation.

(5) Include other provisions determined necessary by the commission.

(c) If the plan provides for the consolidation of the city and county, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

(1) Fix the boundaries of the governing body's election districts, provide a method for changing the boundaries from time-to-time, any at-large positions on the governing body, fix the number, term and initial compensation of the governing body of the consolidated city-county and the method of election.

(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the consolidated city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which such elections shall be held.

(3) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative duties of the consolidated city-county officials, provide for consolidation or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a consolidated city-county administrator or a city-county manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the general structure of the consolidated city-county government.

(4) Provide for the official name of the consolidated city-county.

(5) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

(d) Elections for the governing body and other elected officers of the consolidated city-county shall be on a partisan basis.

Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-363 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-363. (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

(b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the unification of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the plan shall:

(1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers and officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan.

(2) Provide for the method of amendment of the plan.

(3) Specify the effective date of the unification.

(4) Include other provisions determined necessary by the commission.

(c) If the plan provides for the unification of the city and county, in addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

(1) Provide that the members of the governing body be elected from districts or on an at-large basis and fix the number, term and initial compensation of the governing body of the unified city-county and the method of election.

(2) Determine whether elections of the governing body of the unified city-county shall be by districts or at-large and the method of election.
city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which
such elections shall be held.

(3) (2) Determine the distribution of legislative and administrative
duties of the unified city-county officials, provide for unification or
expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a city-
county administrator or manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the
general structure of the unified city-county government.

(4) (3) Provide for the official name of the unified city-county.

(5) (4) Provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and
other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

(6) (5) Fix the rate of the retailers' sales tax, if any.

d) Elections for the governing body and other elected officials shall
be on a partisan basis.

Sec. 12. K.S.A. 13-1220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
1220. In each city of the first class that now has or hereafter acquires a
population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, which now or
hereafter owns and operates a municipal waterworks plant and a municipal-
electric-light plant, there shall be Any city may establish an administrative
agency known as the board of public utilities of such city, to be elected in
the manner hereinafter provided. The board shall manage, operate,
maintain and control the daily operation of the water plant and electric-
light plant of such city, and shall make all such rules and regulations as are
necessary for the safe, economical and efficient operation and management
of such water plants and electric-light plants. The board may also improve,
extend or enlarge the water plants and electric-light plants as hereinafter
provided, and furnish a supply of water, light, heat and power for
domestic, industrial and municipal purposes.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members, three
of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three of
which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each of
the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). Members of the board
shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis. Members elected to the board of
public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold their offices for
terms of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.
Each of the members elected from districts shall be qualified voters of the
districts from which elected. Elections of members of the board shall be
held at the time of the general-city election in odd-numbered years. The
provisions of article 17 of chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall govern so far as
applicable.

(b) The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-
president and shall appoint a secretary. Notwithstanding the provisions of
K.S.A. 13-1222, relating to a quorum for the transaction of business and a vote for action by the board. Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the members remaining on the board. Where a vacancy has occurred in the membership of any board of public utilities, a member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next city November in odd-numbered years election, at which time a successor shall be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

(b) The districts numbered 1, 2 and 3 established in 1979 shall be subject to alteration at the first meeting of the board in each fourth year thereafter, but such alteration shall only be for the purpose of establishing and maintaining the equality of population among the districts.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 19-2680 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-2680. (a) Any county which has been declared to be an urban area under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-2654, and amendments thereto, is hereby authorized to adopt, and from time to time amend, a charter for the government of such county. Such charter shall provide for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not inconsistent with general law or the constitution of the state of Kansas, and may:

(a) (1) Fix the boundaries of each county commissioner's district, provide a method for changing them from time to time, and fix the number, term, and compensation of the commissioners and their method of election, and shall define and outline duties and powers of the county commissioners;

(b) (2) provide for the exercise of such powers similar or identical to the powers permitted under K.S.A. 19-101 and article 39 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto;

(ε) (3) provide in the charter a method for its amendment;

(δ) (4) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative duties of the county officials, provide for consolidation or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a county administrator or a county manager, and prescribe the general structure of county government; and

(ε) (5) authorize the appointment of or elimination of elective officials and offices within the charter similar or identical to that authorization permitted the board of county commissioners under article 39 of chapter 12 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(b) Elections for the governing body and other elected officers shall be on a partisan basis.

Sec. 15. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 1978 and of each even-numbered year thereafter for the purpose of electing three directors
of such district, except that the first election following the establishment of
such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of county
commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

(b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of
two years, except that directors elected prior to the Tuesday following the
first Monday in November, 1978, and directors elected at the first election
following the establishment of the district shall serve until their successors
are elected.

(c)(1) From and after July 1, 2006, each director shall:
(A) (1) Own land within the improvement district; or
(B) (2) reside in the improvement district.
(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), each director
elected on or before June 30, 2006, shall be allowed to serve the remainder
of such director's current term of office.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body
of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member
board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member
shall be elected and shall hold office from May 1 following such member's
election until April 30, the second Monday in January succeeding such
member's election until four years thereafter and until a successor is
elected and has qualified.

The first election of members of the governing body of any water
district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first
Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members
shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and
ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term,
to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members
shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the
beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members
first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately
eight months. Elections shall be thereafter held on the first Tuesday in
April of each odd-numbered year following the first Monday in November
of each odd-numbered year for the member positions whose terms expire
in that year.

(b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water
district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991,
positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the
election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-
year terms.

(c) Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-
numbered following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered
year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold
office from May 1, the second Monday in January following such member's election until April 30, four years thereafter and until a successor is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be made to apply. Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

(d) In January, following each election, the board shall organize and not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall select from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The vice-chairperson shall preside over any meetings at which the chairperson is not present. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members. All members shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials. The members of the board shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior to accepting office, the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a corporate surety bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of $10,000, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the member's duties and for the true and faithful accounting of all money that may come into the member's hands by virtue of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the office of the county clerk for the county in which the major portion of such water district is located after approval by the board of county commissioners of such county.

(e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-3507. The water district election shall be held in each election precinct, a part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no other election is being held in a given election precinct on the same date as the water district election, the county election officer may provide one or more convenient voting places where the water district electors of such precinct may vote, which may be a voting place located in another precinct. The county election officer shall designate such voting places and the persons entitled to vote thereat in the election notice. The county election officer shall make a report in writing to the board of county commissioners of such election precincts and voting places, which report shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which such precincts and voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the journal of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or
counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and
voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like manner
be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners, filed and
entered as aforesaid. The polls for any election held under this act shall be
open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All(a) Any qualified persons desiring to be voted upon as a
candidate for a position as a member of such board shall on or before
12:00 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first
Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date
shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, file a candidate’s
declaration of intention in the manner provided in K.S.A. 25-206, and
amendments thereto, with the county election officer, a statement directing
such officer to place such person’s name on the ballot as a candidate for
member of the board of the water district in such election, indicating the
number of the position for which such person is filing. No candidate shall
be permitted to withdraw as a candidate after the deadline for filing such
statements of candidacy. There shall be no primary election for members
of the water district board. The county election officer shall publish names
of all candidates in a newspaper of general circulation within the water
district not less than 10 days before such election in accordance with
K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto. The county election officer shall
provide for use of voting machines or printed ballots in each election
precinct or voting place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall
be done at the expense of the water district. The names of candidates for
each member position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that
each candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such
candidate’s name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being
conducted in an election precinct or voting place is the water district
election, The cost of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting
place shall be borne entirely by the water district, but where held in
conjunction with other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner
provided by article 22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto.

At least five days before any election, the county election officers of
the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in
cooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas
where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district
and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and
located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which
contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified
electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list
of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be
furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the voting-
precincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote.

(b) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the water district.

(c) Qualified electors of any election precinct, the entirety part or all of which is within the water district, shall be entitled to vote in such precinct and a separate list of their names need not be furnished.

A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinct other than the one in which such person resides unless no election is being held in such precinct, in which event, such voter shall be entitled to vote in the voting place designated by the county election officer.

Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges of each precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one desirous of voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may proceed to the county election officer of the county and such officer may administer oaths and affirm witnesses to determine the right of anyone to vote who may claim erroneous omission from such list, and if such officer issues a certificate entitling the voter to vote, such certificate shall be accepted by the judges and clerks of the election. The list so furnished by the county election officer shall be conclusive at all elections held within the same year that the list is furnished.

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-412. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first Tuesday in April, to choose directors. An election to choose three directors in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November 2017, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to choose directors. Any director elected in any district in 2015 shall hold such office until such successor is elected and qualified.

(b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and all persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years, file a declaration of candidacy, any qualified person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate’s declaration of intention in the manner provided in K.S.A. 25-206, and amendments thereto, accompanied by a filing fee of $5, $20, with the
county election officer of the county wherein the district is located, as a
candidate in such election, and the election officer in making up the ballots
and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in
alphabetical order, but the returns of all special or bond elections shall be
made to the secretary and canvassed by the board of directors. The county
election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for
deposit in the county general fund. The county election officer of the
county wherein the drainage district is situated shall appoint election-
boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for
holding the election. The county-clerk election officer shall cause to be
ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are also
qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the
election.

(b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by
the county election officer, shall be given published in a newspaper
published in the county in accordance with procedures established in
K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and
amendments thereto, and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the
board of directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all
elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons
who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a
population of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under
the provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of
the district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election
expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district.
Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under
the general election laws.

(c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns
any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes
assessed on such property.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, and amendments thereto, shall
consist of three qualified persons as defined in paragraph (3) of subsection
(e) of this section.

(b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the
drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the
incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county
commissioners to which the petition is presented.

(c) The directors shall hold office until the first Tuesday in April next
second Monday in January of the next even-numbered year after the
incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter
directors shall be elected at the November odd-year elections and shall
hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are
elected and qualified.

    (d) Every qualified person of the district shall be entitled to vote at
the election or at any election which may be held in the district.

    (e) For the purposes of this section:

    (1) "Owner" or "person who owns land" means any person or entity
who is the record owner of the fee in any real estate in the district or the
fee in the surface rights of any real estate in the district, but the owners of
an oil and gas lease, mineral rights or interest, easements or mortgages as
such shall not be considered owners, and school districts, cemetery
associations, and municipal corporations shall not be considered owners.

    (2) "Taxpayer" means any owner who has paid all taxes currently due
on such real estate.

    (3) "Qualified person" means any taxpayer 18 years of age or older,
whether a resident of the district or not. A taxpayer who is a qualified
person and who is not an individual may designate an individual to cast its
vote or to serve as a director of the district.

    (f) The county clerk shall determine the qualified persons entitled to
vote at any election in the district. Any entity desiring to vote at an election
shall register the name of its designated representative with the county
election officer no later than 14 days in advance of any such election.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.
Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed
drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of said the
drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state
shall report such the fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall forthwith
declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in said the
petition and set forth in the reports of said the commissioners to constitute
a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within such the
bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be incorporated as a
drainage district under the name designated in said the petition, and
thenceforth the said territory and the freeholders thereof, who are residents
of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic
and corporate under said the corporate name and shall give perpetual
succession.

    In said the proclamation the governor shall designate the last Tuesday
of the next succeeding calendar month Tuesday following the first Monday
in November of the odd-numbered year following the issuing of said the
proclamation on which an election shall be held in each of the counties to
be included within the proposed drainage district for the purpose of
electing directors of said the corporation, in number and in the manner
hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make and keep full and
complete records of the organization of all drainage districts organized
under the provisions of this act, showing the findings and decisions of the
boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of the governor in
connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct copy of which
he shall forward to the said boards of county commissioners within five
days after the issuing of the governor's proclamation provided for in this
section, and they shall spread the same upon their records.

Sec. 22. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 24-506. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto,
shall consist of one person from each county in the district if the number
of counties is odd, but if the number of counties is even, then there shall be
an additional director at large. If the drainage district is located wholly
within one county, the number of directors shall be three. Except as
provided in subsection (b), the directors shall be freeholders who shall be
residents of Kansas, whose lands in whole or in part are located within the
district. The directors shall hold their offices for a term of four years and
until their successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose
directors, except the first, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April
Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next odd-
numbered year and every four years thereafter.

(b) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land
within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold
the office of director.

Sec. 23. K.S.A. 25-202 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-202.
(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) all candidates for
national, state, county and township, municipal and special district offices
shall be nominated by: (1) A primary election, if required, held in
accordance with article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,
and amendments thereto; or (2) independent nomination petitions signed
and filed as provided by existing statutes.

(b) Candidates for any of such offices who are members of any
political party whose candidate for governor did not poll at least 5% of the
total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the preceding general
election shall not be entitled to nomination by primary election but shall be
nominated by a delegate or mass convention according to article 3 of
chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto.

(c) No candidate for any national, state, county or township or
municipal office shall file for office as a partisan candidate in a primary
election and also file for office as an independent candidate for any
national, state, county or municipal office in the general
election immediately following.

(d) The provisions of article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the justices of the
supreme court or to judges of the district court in judicial districts which
have approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of district court
judges, as provided in K.S.A. 20-2901, and amendments thereto, nor to
special elections to fill vacancies.

Sec. 24. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
names of candidates for national, state, county— and township and
municipal offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when
each shall have qualified to become a candidate by one of the following
methods and none other: (1) They shall have had filed in their behalf, not
later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date
falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next
following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination
petitions, as provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later
than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the
proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate,
accompanied by the fee required by law. Such declaration shall be
prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:
The undersigned, an elector of the county of ______________, and
state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of
____________ party, hereby nominate ______________, who resides in
the township of ______________ (or at number ________ on
____________ street, city of ______________), in the county of
____________ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here
specify the office) ______________, to be voted for at the primary
election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in ______________, as
representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend
to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will
not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at
such primary election.

(HEADING)

Name of Street Number Name of Date of
Signers. or Rural Route City. Signing.
(as registered).

All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form,
written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless it
is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

(c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such
petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to
support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's
signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or,
otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the
place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing
given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address
they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or
pasted together.

(d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the
same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit
described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A.
2014 Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be
appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of
documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the
circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the
candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person
whose name appears thereon.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination
petitions shall be signed:

(1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office of
United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the
total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the state as
compiled by the office of the secretary of state;

(2) if for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide
basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the
current voter registration of the party designated in such district as
compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office of
district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current
voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such
office is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with
K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

(3) if for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than
3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in
such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and
certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and
amendments thereto; and

(4) if for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than
3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in
such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to
the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments
thereto; and

(5) if for a municipal office as provided by law.

(f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments
thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a
majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a
separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of
such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate
state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or
districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

(g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of
representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in
the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of
education:

(1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, nomination petitions for
nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not
less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party
designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, nomination petitions for
nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of
the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the
following:

A) For the office of representative in the United States congress
1,000 registered voters;
B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300
registered voters;
C) for the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and
D) for the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

(h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of
representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in
the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of
education:

(1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, the deadline for filing
nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate
for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon
on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then
before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or
holiday.

(2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, the deadline for filing
nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate
for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon
on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then
before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Sec. 25. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-209.
(a) As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state shall
certify to each county election officer the name and post-office address of
each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a declaration of
intent to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or for state office, together with the designation of the office for which each is a candidate and the party or principle which the candidate represents.

(b) The county election officer shall forthwith, upon receipt thereof, publish for three-(3) consecutive weeks in the official paper, a notice which shall set forth under the proper party designation, the title of each national, state, county and, township and municipal office any part of the district of which is in the county, the names and addresses of all persons certified by the secretary of state as candidates for any national or state office any part of the district of which is in the county and, in addition thereto, the names and addresses of all persons from whom valid nomination papers or declarations have been filed in the county election officer's office, giving the name and address of each, the day of the primary election, the hours during which the polls will be open and stating that the primary election will be held at the regular voting places. Where such voting places are not well established and customarily known the published notice herein provided for shall give the location of such voting places.

(c) The secretary of state shall utilize the procedures established in this section to the extent applicable for special district elections conducted in the fall of odd-numbered years.


The official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the official primary election ballot for county and, township and municipal offices of each political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed, voted, and canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided by law for the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official general ballots for national and state offices and official general ballots for county and, township and municipal offices, except as otherwise provided by law.

Sec. 27. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-212.

In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention to become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of-
counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party-
members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the-
alphabetical list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular order and in-
certifying to the county election officer the list of names for whom-
nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have-
been filed, shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list-
in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on-
with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or-
pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one-
division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth.-
When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district-
judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state-
board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary-
of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each-
candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state-
Senator, state representative or state board of education member in any-
given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name-
first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of-
state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the-
district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices-
according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of-
names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting-
machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct (a) The-
secretary of state shall establish an alphabetical order for candidates'
names for all national, state, county, township and municipal offices to-
appear on ballots to be utilized for both the primary election and the-
general election in all counties. The secretary of state shall, on or before-
May 1 of any election year, draw one letter of the alphabet at random and-
candidates whose surnames begin with such letter shall have their names-
listed first on the ballots throughout their districts. The remaining-
candidates' names shall appear on the ballots in the order that the letters-
of the alphabet follow the letter drawn by the secretary of state. The-
drawing shall take place in a public meeting, and notice shall be given-
through press announcements and notices posted on the secretary of-
state’s web site.

The arrangement of the names certified by the secretary of state shall-
govern the county election officer in arranging the primary election ballot,-
and the county election officer in preparing the ballot for such officer's-
county shall follow the same arrangement as provided in this section for-
the secretary of state, for the candidates nominated for county offices,-
using the township and precincts of the county in making the division.

(b) The secretary of state shall utilize the same procedure in-
subsection (a) to establish the alphabetical order for candidates for
special district primary elections and general elections in odd-numbered years.

(c) The secretary of state shall establish the ballot styles for primary elections for special districts in odd-numbered years by rules and regulations.

Sec. 28. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the county and township and municipal offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county and township and municipal offices.

(b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following heading:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

______________ Party

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the square to the left.

The words national and state or the words county and township and municipal shall appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States representative from _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of insurance, senator _____ district, representative _____ district, district judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____ district, district attorney _____ judicial district, and member state board of education _____ district. For county and township and municipal offices the form shall be followed by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to law for political parties having primary elections in the following order: Commissioner _____ district, county clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer, township clerk, unified school district, city and consolidated city-county. When any office is not to be elected, it shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed, shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a statement of the number to vote for.
To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name shall be printed more than once on either the official primary election ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere on such ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman or for a municipal office. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on such county and township ballot except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

(d) No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-in votes. As a result of a primary election, no person shall receive the nomination and no person's name shall be printed on the official general election ballot when no nomination petitions or declarations were filed, unless the person receives votes equal in number to not less than 5% of the total of the current voter registration designated in the state, county or district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that a candidate for township office may receive the nomination and have such person's name printed on the ballot where no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if such candidate
receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to obtain more than 5,000 votes.

Sec. 29. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610. The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for each particular office. In making such division the secretary of state shall divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers, shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it impossible to make a division which allows each such candidate in any given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their respective terms (a) For all national state, county, township and municipal offices, the secretary of state shall utilize the alphabetical order for candidates' names to appear on ballots in all counties established under K.S.A. 25-212, and amendments thereto.

In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together, when the word "candidate" is used in this section, it shall mean pair of candidates.

(b) The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot styles for general elections in odd-numbered year elections for special districts and certain municipalities by rules and regulations.

Sec. 30. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general
ballot for national and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be
in the following order: Names of candidates for the offices of president
and vice-president, United States senator, United States representative
___________ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,
secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the
state as a whole), state senator ______ district, state representative _____
district, district judge _______ district, district magistrate judge ____
district, district attorney ________ judicial district, and state board of
education member ______________ district.

(b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for
county and, township and municipal offices for those offices to be elected
shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county
commissioner ______ district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of
deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer,
township clerk, unified school district, city and consolidated city-county.

(c) The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for special
districts and certain municipalities in odd-numbered year elections shall
be established by the secretary of state by rules and regulations.

Sec. 31. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-618 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-618. The official general ballot for county and, township and
municipal offices may be separate from the official general ballot for
national and state offices or may be combined with the official general
ballot provided for in K.S.A. 25-601 and amendments thereto. The
secretary of state shall prescribe the ballot format but the ballot shall be
substantially in the form shown in this section and K.S.A. 25-611, and
amendments thereto.

STATE OF KANSAS
OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT
County and Township Offices
County of _________, City (or Township) of _________
November ____________, _______ year

To vote for a person, make a cross or check mark in the square at the
left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed
on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and make a cross
or check mark in the square to the left.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
__________ DISTRICT

Vote for One
☐ ________________________________
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Section 32. K.S.A. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the election held on the Tuesday succeeding following the first Monday in November of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, the election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city or school, municipal or special district office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

Section 33. K.S.A. 2014 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 the person is a resident, or where such 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, such 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, such 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. 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 such 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 such the person cannot be verified by the county election officer, the county election officer shall provide information to such the person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall provide such 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 last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

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

3. For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

4. For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such general election.

5. 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.

6. 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 last business day 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 county election officer shall determine the final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be more than three business days before such election.

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

8. For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

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 12:00 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. Such 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 which 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 which 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 such 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. Such 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 such 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
such 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 such officer stating such 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 two 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. Such 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) 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. 34. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2006.

(a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year, Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, and in the case of special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in April following the first Monday in August of each even-numbered year, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

Sec. 35. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2007.

(a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of them.

(b) "County election officer" means:

(1) The election commissioner of the home county of the school district if such county has an election commissioner;

(2) the county clerk of the home county of the school district if the county does not have an election commissioner; and

(3) the county clerk (or the election commissioner if there is one), of the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this
subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such
specification shall be conclusive.

(c) "Filing deadline" means the hour, date or time after which it is
provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public
office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the
Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any
odd-numbered year the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and
amendments thereto.

Sec. 36. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2010. (a) Election of board members and question submitted elections
shall be conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the
school district. Board member general elections shall be held on the first
Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is
required to be held, such Tuesday following the first Monday in November
of even-numbered years. A primary election shall be held on the first
Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-
numbered years in August of even-numbered years.

(b) School district elections shall be partisan and shall be conducted
in accordance with article 2 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes
Annotated, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 37. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general
school elections shall be listed in the various possible orders in rotation
order as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and amendments thereto and K.S.A.
25-610, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 38. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe
the form and time of every publication notice applicable to any primary or
general school election.

Sec. 39. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted
elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

(b) On or before January 15 At the time and in the manner prescribed
in K.S.A. 25-204, and amendments thereto, the county election officer shall
publish a notice of election one time in a newspaper having general
circulation in the school district. The notice for board member elections
shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the general
election; (3) the date of the primary election if one is held; (4) the filing
deadline and the place of filings; and (5) the offices or positions to be
filled.

(c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form
prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part
thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this
section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe any particular form.

(d) Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April, At the time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district, if a primary election is required to be held. The publication shall be made one time and shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the primary election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the times of opening and closing of the polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer.

(e) Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April, At the time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of the general election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the time of opening and closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be determined by the county election officer.

(f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto. The notice shall state: (1) the name of the school district; (2) the date of the election; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond election; (4) the proposition to be voted upon; (5) the hours of opening and closing of the polls; (6) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is to serve; and (7) any other information specifically required by law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer.

Sec. 40. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by any one of the following methods:

(1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district, whichever is less.
(2) Any person who is an elector in any school district may petition to
be a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which
such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election
officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors
residing in such school district.

(3) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become
a candidate for board member from the member district in which such
person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of
intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing
fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the
secretary of state.

(4) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a
candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such
person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of
intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing
fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the
secretary of state.

(5) Any such petition or declaration shall specify the member position
for which the person is a candidate.

(b) When the election at large method is in effect in any school
district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by
either one of the following methods:

(1) Any person who is an elector of the school district may petition to
be a candidate for board member. Any such person shall file with the
county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less
than 50 electors residing in the school district.

(2) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may
become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election
officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment
therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20. Such declaration shall be
prescribed by the secretary of state.

(3) Any such petition or declaration which is for an unexpired term of
a member shall so specify.

(c) Any such petition or declaration of intent must be filed before the
filing deadline as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.
No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the
filing deadline.

(d) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination
petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for board
member, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such
petition or declaration.

(e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the
county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the
petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or
declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.
Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the
county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and
amendments thereto.

Sec. 41. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy
which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired
term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in
a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that
the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the
board not sooner than fifteen (15) 15 days after such publication. If such
vacancy occurs before January 1 of an odd-numbered year May 1 of the
second year of the term leaving an unexpired term of more than two years
such appointee shall serve until the July 1 second Monday in January after
the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, or
any and amendments thereto.

In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing July-
1 on the second Monday in January after the following general school
election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and
returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as
follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2023. Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with the
election officer not later than ten (10) days. The term of office of each
board member shall commence on the second Monday in January
following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after
issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later
date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following the
general school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an
oath of office with the county election office. Each member elected to a
board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or
appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four (4) years.

Sec. 43. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the election elections held
on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of both even-
numbered and odd-numbered years, the elections held for officers on the
first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election elections held on the first
Tuesday in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, the
election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in
April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates
for special election to any national, state, county, city—or, school or municipal office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the city is divided into member districts or wards.

d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officers without member districts or wards.

Sec. 44. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the first Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12, section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of city officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers shall be two (2) years: Provided, however, That the provisions of this section shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000) located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand (50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance had become effective prior to April 30, 1968 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

(b) A primary shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of each even-numbered and odd-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.

c) Any city may hold elections for city officers at the primary and general elections in odd-numbered years for the purpose of staggering terms of office or where a three-year term of office is provided.

Sec. 45. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on the first Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each even-numbered and odd-numbered year.

(b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in
effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there
are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there
shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of
candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest
number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the
general election. If there are not more than three times the number of
candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary
election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in
the general election.

(d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names
of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates
for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office
shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The
purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name
of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote
for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary
city election ballots.

Sec. 46. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be 12:00 o'clock noon
of the Tuesday preceding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at 12
noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 47. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-2110. (a) In cities of the first and second class, any person
desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file
with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy
on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the
secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing
under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the
filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the
county election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to
become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the
county election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the
county in which the greater population of the city is located if the city
extends into more than one county, or the city clerk, before the filing
deadline, established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a
statement declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county
election officer as specified by the secretary of state.

(b) In cities having a population of less than 5,000, each such filing
shall be accompanied by a filing fee of $5 or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a
petition signed by 25 qualified electors of the city or by a number of such
qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots cast
at the last general city election, whichever is less.

(e) In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than
100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of $10 or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the city or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 1% of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election, whichever is less. The number of qualified electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition, shall be established by the city governing body by passage of an ordinance.

(d) In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of $50; or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots cast at the last general city election, whichever is less.

(e) (c) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for a city office elected at large, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such petition or declaration.

(f) (d) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding. Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and amendments thereto.

(g) (e) All city elections shall be conducted by the county election officer of the county in which such city is located, or of the county in which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into more than one county.

Sec. 48. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2113. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, City elections shall be nonpartisan partisan and shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. Laws applicable to elections occurring at the same time as city elections shall apply to city elections to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

(b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies, shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b).

The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall
make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as
may be necessary for the conduct of such elections.

Sec. 49. K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general
city elections in cities of the first and second class shall be listed in the
various possible orders in rotation as provided in K.S.A 25-212, and
amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-610, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 50. K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall
promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election
results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall
commence with and include the first regular meeting of the governing-
body on the second Monday in January following certification of the
election.

Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon
the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as
specified in K.S.A. 54-106, and amendments thereto, and every such oath
or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.

Sec. 51. K.S.A. 2014 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 days preceding the day of primary and general—state—
elections;
(4) the 20 days preceding the day of primary city and school—
elections, if either has a primary;
(5) the 20 days preceding each first Tuesday in April of odd-
numbered years, being the day of city and school general elections;
(6) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one
specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and
(7) 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
state, city and school 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 state,
city and school election.

(d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by
the secretary of state under subsection (c) of this section, 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 state primary
and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration
of voters until 9 p.m. in cities of the first and second class any city.

(e) County election officers shall accept and process applications
received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles
not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter
registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21st day
preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or
missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the
day of any 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 both 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.

Sec. 52. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2502. (a) "General election" means the election elections held on the
Tuesday succeeding following the first Monday in November of both even-
numbered and odd-numbered years, the elections held for officers on the
first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election elections held on the first
Tuesday in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, the
election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in
April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates
for special election to any national, state, county, township, city or, school,
municipal or special district office are eliminated by the process of the
Sec. 53. K.S.A. 25-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2804. (a) Each person recommended as provided in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an elector and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher, counselor or administrator. No more than one person two persons under the age of 18 may be appointed to each election board.

(c) The county election officer may establish a pool of trained judges and clerks who shall be recommended by the county chairpersons specified in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto. Judges and clerks in such pool may serve at voting places other than their own if:

(1) The chairpersons specified in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, or either of them, have failed to make appropriate recommendations;

(2) it is impossible to obtain judges and clerks for a voting place in any other way; or

(3) voting machines are used, in which case the third judge, who shall be trained in the use of voting machines, need not necessarily live in the area of the voting place.

(d) Any judge or clerk serving in a voting place not located in the area in which such judge or clerk resides or serving on a special election board established under subsection (c) of K.S.A. 25-1133(c), and amendments thereto, shall be allowed to vote an advance voting ballot in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-1119, and amendments thereto, or shall be excused from duties as such judge or clerk to vote at the voting place in the area where such judge or clerk resides.

Sec. 54. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) 90 days and not less than thirty (30) 30 days before any primary election of state officers, the election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the primary election of state officers.

(b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty-
(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school
officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in
this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as
such primary or general election.

(e) (b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
and such occurrence is not more than thirty (30) days before any
primary election of state officers and before the general election of state
officers, at such general election votes cast for the office of congressman
for members of congress in the district in which such vacancy has occurred
shall be deemed to be cast to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as
well as for the election for the next regular term. The governor shall
proclaim the date of the election to be the same as the general election of
state officers.

(d) (c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
on or after the date of any general election of state officers and before the
term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the
office of congressman for members of congress in the district in which
such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy
for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term.
The governor's approval of this act shall be deemed to proclaim that every
regular election of a representative to the United States congress shall be
an election for the unexpired term if any should occur, as well as election
for the next regular term. In cases to which subsection (e) of this section
(b) or this subsection applies, the person elected for the next regular term
shall be deemed to have been elected for the balance of the unexpired term
also.

Sec. 55. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election held in August of a
presidential election year, the members of the party residing in each
precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as
precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct
committeewoman to serve four-year terms. No person shall be eligible to
be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct
committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually
lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all
other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party
on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.
Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office
of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by
appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which
occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall
not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its
chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinct
comitteeemen and committewomen, the county chairperson making the
appointments shall notify the county election officer of such appointments.
The county election officer shall make such appointments public
immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act, "primary election"
means the statewide presidential election held in August of even-
numbered years.

(b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of
Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to fill a vacancy, no
appointments shall be made under subsection (a): (1) After the county
chairperson has received notice from the county election officer of a
vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected office; or (2) after the
county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which, is located within
a legislative district has received notice from the secretary of state of a
vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office.

After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention
held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and
amendments thereto, any vacancy in the office of precinct committelman
or committewoman shall be filled as provided by subsection (a).

Sec. 56. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of
directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote
as provided in subsection (h) (g) and residents of a county in which the
district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in
which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members
shall hold office for a period of three two or four years such term of office,
as established by the board of directors, by passage of a resolution, and
each shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. The
members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an
irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular
election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of
this section except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided
in subsection (e) of this section.

(b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the
incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the
polling place or places wherein the first election will be conducted
and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of
incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief
engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating
polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as
possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or
third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed
by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places
outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more
convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the
first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of
water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district
three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute
boards of election for such district for such election. If the members
appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,
at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the
electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place
of any absent member.

(c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres
which was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish
three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and
designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall
also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting
area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director
shall be elected from each voting area and the person receiving the highest
number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving
the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and
the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a
term of one year. At each subsequent election, only one director shall be
elected each year for a term of three years. Any director elected under this
provision must be a person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h)
for the term length established by the board.

(d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be
conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except
as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11
of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,
shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of
directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection (h) (g). The
forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120,
and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as
provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified
to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within
the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to
canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of
the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the
irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such
election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such
elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the
county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the
population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer
shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving
the highest number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first
election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county
in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of
votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three
voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each
voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer
shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a
certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon
qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by
taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor
as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board
of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of $1,000 which oath
and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in
which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district
a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount,
as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as
treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the
treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval
of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval
thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and
shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the
registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and
filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond,
the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced
therein in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to
include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall
be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied
by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to
prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in
subsection (h) (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety
bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid
by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director
shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the
vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve
the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed
to fill.

(2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the
board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of
members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail
ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to
canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.
The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of
conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

(e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be held the first Tuesday in March except as provided by subsection (g). Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Any districts organized after the regular March election shall hold its election at the next regular March election following incorporation of the district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a term of one year. In case the first election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and the day preceding the first Tuesday in March following the first Monday in November of the next succeeding odd-numbered year, the next regular March election shall be held in the second succeeding odd-numbered year. At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall be elected each year for a term of three years. All persons desiring to be voted upon as directors shall at least 30 days before the day of holding of the elections, file such person's name with the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located, affixed to a statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district in such election. Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located. Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto. The county election officer shall make up the ticket, at expense of the irrigation district prepare the ballot, and place the names thereon in alphabetical order and shall supply election officials with necessary ballots and polling books at the irrigation district's expense. At least five days before any election held subsequent to first election of directors, the boards of directors shall name and appoint three persons for each voting place, who shall be qualified electors in the district. At least five days before any election, the county clerks of the various counties within which a portion of the district is located, shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h) (g) and shall furnish lists thereof to each election board within such county and to the secretary of the board of directors of the district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the election, signed by the president and attested by the secretary of the district shall be given in-
some newspaper or newspapers general election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper of general circulation in the district for one issue at least five days prior to date of the election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto. The return results of all special or bond elections shall be made available to the secretary of the district, and canvassed by the board of directors. All expenses of election, not otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under general election laws.

(f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h) (g) for the purpose of electing directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March, except as provided by subsection (g). Notice of the time and place of holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) of this section. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name with the secretary of the board of directors of the district, affixed to a statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting.

(g) In any case where the time for any regular election of directors as described in subsection (e), or the election as described in subsection (f), is the same for any two districts having the same district manager, such election shall be held on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in March by the district organized latest in time.

(h) (g) Until such time as assessments are made in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who are otherwise qualified electors.
After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area shall vote in the voting area which includes the greatest portion of such person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" shall include a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation, association or partnership which is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust, corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

Sec. 57. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period beginning on the first Wednesday in April of each odd-numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in June of each even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time the change is made.

Sec. 58. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college shall be elected for a four-year term commencing on the July second Monday in January following election. Members shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

Sec. 59. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, in accordance with this section, shall specify the county in which the main campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General
community college elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

(b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the first Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.

(c) Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 60. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a community college by any one of the following methods:

(A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such person's member district.

(B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become a candidate for member from the member district in which such person resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(C) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district may petition to be a candidate for the at-large member position. Any such person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such college district.

(D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection must specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

(b) In college districts where the election-at-large method of election is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a community college by either one of the following methods:

(1) Any person who is an elector of the college district may petition to be a candidate for trustee. Any such person shall file with the election officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50
electors residing in the college district.

(2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of $20.

(c) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section must be filed on or before 12 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any odd-numbered year. No such petition or declaration shall be filed sooner than the second Tuesday of the December which next precedes the community college election June 1 of each odd-numbered year as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 61. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1419. (a) The election of trustees of community colleges shall be nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is a crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.

(b) Except as is provided in (a) above, laws applicable to local elections, including voter registration laws, occurring at the same time as election of trustees shall apply to the election of trustees to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. The provisions of this subsection (b) shall not apply to election notices.

(e) Ballots for election of trustees shall be canvassed by the members of election boards canvassing ballots in other local elections insofar as is practicable, and where it is not practicable, the county election officer shall provide for such canvass by other appropriate means.

Sec. 62. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period beginning on the first Wednesday in April of each odd-numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in December of each even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of election and voting plan in such school district shall be followed in the election of members next following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election or voting plan shall not shorten the term of any member serving on the board at the time the change is made, and the county election officer shall not submit to election any plan of change which violates this prohibition.

Sec. 63. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members...
of boards. The four methods are:

(1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board which are to expire in such year.

(2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the hospital.

(3) (A) Elections of board members for three-year or four-year terms shall be held on the first Tuesday in April succeeding the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years of each year for the positions on the board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take office on the second Monday in January following the date of election.

(B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a filing fee in the amount of $10.

(C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that portion of the district located in any other county. The county election officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were prepared.

(D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is qualified to vote.

(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of members of the board.

(4) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held on the first Tuesday in April succeeding the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered year for the positions on the board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take office on the second Monday in January following the date of election.
(B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a filing fee in the amount of $10.

(C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that portion of the district located in any other county. The county election officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were prepared.

(D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is qualified to vote.

(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of members of the board.

(b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital is the method provided for in provision (1) or provision (2) of subsection (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in provision (3) or provision (4) of subsection (a)(3) or (4) by majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof. Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the method provided for in provision (3) or provision (4) of subsection (a)(3) or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the change of method of selection shall expire on May 1 of the year in which the term of such member is to expire, except that for the purpose of electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other purposes, the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected pursuant to provision (3) of subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in provision (4) of subsection (a)(4) by a majority vote of the board members.

Sec. 65. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.