AN ACT concerning elections; dealing with vacancies in the office of
United States representative to congress; amending K.S.A. 25-3502,
25-3504 and 25-3507 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Sec. 1. K.S.A. 25-3502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
3502. (a) Except as is otherwise provided in this act, the governor shall
proclaim the date of any election held under this act to be a day not less
than 45 75 days nor more than 60 90 days after such proclamation is
issued. Such The proclamation shall be made in writing, signed by the
governor and delivered to the secretary of state. Thereupon The secretary of state shall promptly cause such the
proclamation to be published in the Kansas register, and a copy thereof
shall be transmitted by the secretary to the chairperson of all state political
parties authorized to hold congressional district conventions under the
provisions of K.S.A. 25-3504, and amendments thereto.

(b) The amendments made by this act to this section shall be
effective on and after January 1, 2017.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-3504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
3504. (a) Whenever a vacancy has occurred to which this act applies,
except in cases where subsection (c) or (d) of K.S.A. 25-3503(b) or (c),
and amendments thereto, applies, a congressional district convention of the
district party of each political party whose candidate for governor received
not less than 5% of the votes cast at the next preceding election of the
governor that has obtained official recognition shall be called by the state
chairperson of the party, or if there is no state chairperson, by the party's
candidate for governor at the next preceding general election. Such The
convention shall be called for a date not less than 15 days and not more
than 25 days after the proclamation of election is issued by the governor in
the cases to which K.S.A. 25-3503, and amendments thereto, does not
apply, and within 15 days in cases to which subsection (a) or (b) of K.S.A.
25-3503(a) or (b), and amendments thereto, apply. In accordance with the
rules of the district party and the provisions of this act, each such
convention shall nominate a candidate to fill the vacancy which has
occurred and shall file a certificate of the nomination so made with the secretary of state immediately. Every such certificate shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of the convention making such the nomination. Independent candidates may be nominated by petition of registered voters of the district equal in number to 4% of the number of not less than 4,000 3,000 qualified voters of the congressional district. {Such petitions may not be circulated for signatures prior to the governor proclaiming the date of the election.} Any such petition shall be filed with the secretary of state not later than the time for district party convention certificates to be filed 25 days after the proclamation of election is issued by the governor. Except as is provided in subsections (c) and (d) of K.S.A. 25-3503(b) or (c), and amendments thereto, no candidate shall be nominated to fill such vacancy by any means other than provided by this section.

(b) The amendments made by this act to this section shall be effective on and after January 1, 2017.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3507. (a) In cases to which subsection (c) or (d) of K.S.A. 25-3503(b) or (c), and amendments thereto, apply, canvass of the election shall be conducted as for other elections of United States congressmen. In all other cases to which this act applies, intermediate canvass of the election shall be made by the county boards of canvassers at ten o'clock 10:00 a.m. on the second third day following the election, unless such day is a Sunday or holiday, in which case such the canvass shall be on the next following day which is not a Sunday or holiday. County election officers shall dispatch the abstract of the intermediate canvass to the secretary of state immediately upon completion of the canvass by the board of county canvassers. The state board of canvassers shall meet in the office of the secretary of state on the fourth sixth day following the election, unless such day is a Sunday or holiday, in which case such the canvass shall be on the next following day which is not a Sunday or holiday. The state board of canvassers shall make the final canvass, and the certificate of election of the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be issued in the same manner as is provided for regular elections of national officers.

(b) The amendments made by this act to this section shall be effective on and after January 1, 2017.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-3502, 25-3504 and 25-3507 are hereby repealed.

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