AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; allowing voter registration on election days; amending K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2311, 25-2316c and 25-3602 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2016 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; and

(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 elections;

(4) The 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one specified in this subsection; and

(5) The day of any question submitted election.

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

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

(d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by the secretary of state under subsection (c) are the state primary and general elections, county election officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three business days before closing of registration books prior to primary and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration of voters until 9 p.m. in any city.
(c) County election officers shall provide for the registration of voters appearing at the county election office who apply for advance voting ballots to be transmitted in person. Such persons shall be permitted to register and vote immediately by regular ballots, and shall not use provisional ballots unless otherwise required by law. At any satellite advance voting sites, and at all polling places on the day of any primary or general election or question submitted election, county election officers shall provide for registration of voters pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, throughout voting hours.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

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

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2316c is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2316c. (a) When a registered voter changes name by marriage, divorce or legal proceeding, if the voter is otherwise qualified to vote at such voting place, the voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or apply for an advance voting ballot, on the condition that such voter first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration records, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any voter completing such the application.

(b) When a registered voter changes residence, the voter shall reregister in order to be eligible to vote, except that when a registrant has moved from an address on the registration book to another address within the county and has not reregistered, the registrant shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot at any election, or to apply for an advance voting
ballot, on the condition that the registrant first completes the application for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to update the registration record, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition to any such voter. Whenever the county election officer receives from any other election officer a notice of registration of a voter in a different place than that shown in the records of the county election officer, such the officer shall remove the name of such voter from the registration book and party affiliation list.

(c) (1) Any person who appears either on the election day at the polling place for the precinct in which the person resides or at a satellite advance voting site, and who is not registered but is otherwise qualified to vote at the voting place, shall be allowed to register and vote a provisional ballot on election day at the precinct polling place where the person resides or at the satellite advance voting site during the advance voting period. Any such provisional ballot shall be counted, unless the county board of canvassers determines that the provisional ballot was not properly cast or that the person has otherwise voted at the election.

(2) In order to vote at the election, the person shall register by completing a registration card, making an oath on the form prescribed by the secretary of state and providing proof of residence in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the secretary of state. If the person is required by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto, to provide proof of United States citizenship in order to register to vote, the person may do so either by presenting a valid or expired United States passport or by including with the provisional ballot a photocopy of any document listed in K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The form prescribed pursuant to this subsection shall include space for a member of the election board or the county election officer to indicate, if applicable, that the person presented a valid or expired United States passport or has included a citizenship document photocopy with the person's provisional ballot. No person shall be asked or required to show a photocopy of a proof of citizenship document to anyone at a polling place or satellite advance voting site.

(3) If the person chooses to include a photocopy of a document proving United States citizenship with the person's provisional ballot, the person shall be provided a citizenship document envelope in which to place the photocopy. The citizenship document envelope shall be sealed and attached to the provisional ballot envelope in such a way that the citizenship document envelope can be opened without unsealing the envelope containing the ballot. The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations regarding the form of this citizenship document envelope,
including information to be printed and written on it and the manner in which it shall be attached to the provisional ballot envelope. The rules and regulations shall safeguard the privacy of the citizenship document photocopy as well as the privacy of the ballot.

(4) If a person is required by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto, to provide proof of citizenship but is unable or unwilling to do so at the polling place or satellite advance voting site as permitted by this section, the person may vote a provisional ballot. The person shall provide a document listed in K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto, to the county election officer in person, or provide a copy of such a document by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the board of canvassers. The person shall be provided written information containing the physical location and business hours of the office at which the person may provide a document in person, the mailing address to which the person may mail a copy of such document, and the electronic address, website or other means by which the person may submit a copy of such document, as well as the deadline before which, by statute, such proof of citizenship must be provided.

(5) A person's registration and provisional ballot shall not be rejected for reasons relating to proof of citizenship, unless the county election official determines that:

(A) The person is required by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto, to provide proof of citizenship;

(B) the person did not present a valid or expired United States passport at the polling place or satellite advance voting site;

(C) the person did not include a copy of a document listed in K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto, with the person's provisional ballot;

(D) the person has not provided a copy of a document listed in K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto, in person, by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the county board of canvassers; and

(E) the person is not exempt by reason of previous registration to vote within the state of Kansas.

(6) The registration card shall authorize the county election officer to register the person, and the county election officer shall send, by non-forwardable first class mail, a certificate of registration to the person.

(d) Every application for registration completed under this section shall be returned to the county election officer with the registration books.

(e) A registrant shall not be removed from the registration list on the ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant:

(1) Confirms in writing that the registrant has moved outside the county in which the registrant is registered, or registers to vote in any other jurisdiction; or

(2) has failed to respond to the notice described in subsection (e)(4)
(f)(4) and has not appeared to vote in an election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending on the day after the date of the second federal general election that occurs after the date of the notice.

(e)(f) A county election officer shall send a confirmation notice upon which a registrant may state such registrant's current address, within 45 days of the following events:

1. A notice of disposition of an application for voter registration is returned as undeliverable;
2. Change of address information supplied by the national change of address program identifies a registrant whose address may have changed;
3. If it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address in the county in which the registrant is currently registered; or
4. If it appears from information provided by the postal service that a registrant has moved to a different residence address outside the county in which the registrant is currently registered.

The confirmation notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall include a postage prepaid and preaddressed return card in a form prescribed by the chief state election official.

(f)(g) Except as otherwise provided by law, when a voter dies or is disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the registration books and the party affiliation lists. Whenever:

1. An obituary notice appears in a newspaper having general circulation in the county reports the death of a registered voter;
2. A registered voter requests in writing that such voter's name be removed from registration;
3. A court of competent jurisdiction orders removal of the name of a registered voter from registration lists; or
4. The name of a registered voter appears on a list of deceased residents compiled by the secretary of health and environment as provided in K.S.A. 65-2422, and amendments thereto, or appears on a copy of a death certificate provided by the secretary of health and environment, or appears in information provided by the social security administration, the county election officer shall remove from the registration books and the party affiliation lists in the officer's office the name of any person shown by death certificate to be deceased.

The county election officer shall not use or permit the use of lists of deceased residents or copies for any other purpose than provided in this section.

(g)(h) When the chief state election official receives written notice of a felony conviction in a United States district court, such official shall notify within five days the county election officer of the jurisdiction in
which the offender resides. Upon notification of a felony conviction from
the chief state election official, or from a county or district attorney or a
Kansas district court, the county election officer shall remove the name of
the offender from the registration records.

(h) (i) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person whose
name has been removed from the registration books shall be entitled to
vote until such the person has registered again.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-3602 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-3602. (a) Each petition shall consist of one or more documents
pertaining to a single issue or proposition under one distinctive title. The
documents shall be filed with the county election officer or other official,
if another official is designated in the applicable statutes. The filing shall
be made at one time all in one group. Later or successive filings of
documents relating to the same issue or proposition shall be deemed to be
separate petitions and not a part of any earlier or later filing.

(b) Unless otherwise specifically required, each petition shall: (1)
State the question which petitioners seek to bring to an election in the form
of a question as it should appear upon the ballot in accordance with the
requirements of K.S.A. 25-620 and K.S.A. 25-3601, and amendments
thereto;

(2) name the taxing subdivision or other political subdivision in
which an election is sought to be held;

(3) contain the following recital above the spaces provided for
signatures: "I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered elector
of the state of Kansas and of

(here insert name of political or taxing subdivision)
and my residence address is correctly written after my name."

The recital shall be followed by blank spaces for the signature,
residence address and date of signing for each person signing the petition.

When petitioners are required by law to possess qualifications in
addition to being registered electors, the form of the petition shall be
amended to contain a recital specifying the additional qualifications
required and stating that the petitioners possess the qualifications; and

(4) contain a recital in substance as follows, at the end of each set of
documents carried by each petition circulator as defined in K.S.A. 2016
Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto: "I am the circulator of this
petition and I am qualified to circulate this petition and I personally
witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears
thereon.

__________________________________________________________
(Signature of circulator)
(Circulator's residence address)

The recital of the circulator of each petition shall be verified upon oath or affirmation before a notarial officer in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 53-501 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) Any person who has signed a petition who desires to withdraw the person's name may do so by giving written notice to the county election officer or other designated official not later than the third day following the date upon which the petition is filed.

(d) Any petition shall be null and void unless submitted to the county election officer or other designated official within 180 days of the date of the first signature on the petition.

(e) Unless the governing body of the political or taxing subdivision in which the election is sought to be held authorizes a special election, all elections which are called as a result of the filing of a sufficient petition shall be held at the next succeeding primary or general election as defined by K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto, in which the political or taxing subdivision is participating.

(f) When a petition requires signatures equal in number to a percentage of the total number of registered voters, such percentage shall be based on the most recent number of registered voters as certified to the office of the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (g) of K.S.A. 25-2311(e), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2016 Supp. 25-2311, 25-2316c and 25-3602 are hereby repealed.

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