

2021 Kansas Statutes

25-3602. **Petition documents; where filed; successive filings; contents; verification; petition circulator; withdrawal of signature; void after 180 days; time of election; determination of number of signatures.** (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 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. 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)

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(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 the revised uniform law on notarial acts.

(c) Any person who has signed a petition who desires to withdraw such 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 K.S.A. 25-2311(g), and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1970, ch. 147, § 2; L. 1976, ch. 190, § 1; L. 1983, ch. 126, § 2; L. 1986, ch. 141, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 129, § 2; L. 1992, ch. 194, § 3; L. 2001, ch. 141, § 2; L. 2001, ch. 211, § 8; L. 2014, ch. 98, § 5; L. 2021, ch. 64, § 33; January 1, 2022.