Session of 2013

SENATE BILL No. 145

By Committee on Ways and Means


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

New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2014, 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 2015 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 municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2015 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

(b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected officials that would expire at any time in 2015 shall expire on the second Monday in January 2016, when newly elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office.

(c) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as provided in K.S.A. 25-202, 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) All elections for officers of municipalities shall be on a partisan
(f) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto, county adopting a charter under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, school district, community college, drainage district, extension district, irrigation district, library district created under K.S.A. 12-1236 et seq., and amendments thereto, and water districts created under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any municipality where the election of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of the municipality.

New Sec. 2. (a) Any city may adopt by ordinance one of the following forms of government:

(1) Commission;
(2) mayor-council;
(3) commission-manager;
(4) mayor-council-manager;
(5) council-manager; or
(6) any other form of government authorized by law or by ordinance or charter ordinance of the city.

(b) Any city which has operated for four or more years under a form of government may abandon such form and adopt a different form of government. The provisions of K.S.A. 12-184, and amendments thereto, shall govern the procedure for the adoption or abandonment of such form of government.

(c) The governing body of the city may establish by ordinance any of the following:

(1) The powers and duties of the governing body, including the mayor and other elected officials;
(2) the term of office of members of the governing body, including the mayor and other elected officials of either two or four years;
(3) the election by ward or district of members of the governing body, if applicable;
(4) the powers and duties of the city manager, if applicable;
(5) the administrative departments of the city; and
(6) other matters deemed appropriate by the governing body.

New Sec. 3. 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.

Sec. 4. 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. 

(f) A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.

(g) 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 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.

(h) 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.

(4) 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.

(6) 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. 5. K.S.A. 2012 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, a primary shall be
held on the first Tuesday in August in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and
amendments thereto. The general election to elect successors to members
of the governing body whose terms are expiring shall be held on the first
Tuesday in April in 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 as
provided in K.S.A. 25-205, 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
general and primary 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 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 by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

Sec. 6. 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. 7. K.S.A. 2012 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 partisan or nonpartisan elections and the time at which such elections shall be held.

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

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

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

(6) Provide for 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.

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

Sec. 8. 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. 9. 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 partisan 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. The provisions of article 17 of
chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,
pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall govern so far as
applicable.

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, and amendments thereto, 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 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. 10. 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;

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

(d) (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

(e) (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. 11. 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 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** A primary election shall be on the first Tuesday in August in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. The general election shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered following the first Monday in November 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 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.

(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. 12. 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. (a) 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.

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 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, 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 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.
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. 13. K.S.A. 2012 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 2015, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first
Tuesday in November, to choose
directors. Any director elected in any district in 2011 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
(c) A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August in
accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto.
Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2012 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 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, accompanied by a filing fee of $5, 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 primary and general election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given published 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, 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. 15. K.S.A. 2012 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 following the first Monday in November of the next odd-numbered year after the incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter directors shall be elected and shall hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Such elections shall be conducted by the county election officer at the time and in the manner in which other drainage district elections and county elections are conducted.

(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. 16. 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. 17. K.S.A. 2012 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 of the next odd-numbered year and every four years thereafter.

(b) Such elections shall be conducted by the county election officer at the time and in the manner in which other drainage district elections and county elections are conducted.

(c) 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. 18. 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 and municipal offices shall be nominated by: (1) A primary election 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, township 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. 19. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-209.
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.
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.

Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2012 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 offices as specified for each in this
section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county
and township offices. The official primary election ballots shall have the
OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

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 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 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. 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. 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. 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.

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, municipality or
district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the
secretary of state, except that a candidate for township or municipal 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.

(b) The county election officer shall prepare the official primary
election ballot for municipal elections held in August of odd-numbered
years. The secretary of state shall provide technical assistance to county
election officers.

(c) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations necessary
to ensure orderly primary elections in both even-numbered years and odd-
numbered years.

Sec. 21. K.S.A. 2012 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 magistrat 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 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, and township clerk.

c) The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for municipal officer shall be established by the secretary of state upon consultation with county election officers.

d) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations to ensure orderly general elections in both even-numbered years and odd-numbered years.

Sec. 22. 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 the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, the elections held for municipal officers on the first Tuesday in April succeeding the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, 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 even-numbered years, the election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in April, for municipal officers on the first Tuesday in August of odd-numbered years and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city or school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

Sec. 23. K.S.A. 2012 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 even-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 following the first Monday in November in even-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 the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August in odd-numbered years, between April 1 of such year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

(6) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last business day of the week preceding such election.

(7) 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.

(8) 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the officer stating such the 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 consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. Such The 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. 24. 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 odd-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 odd-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. 25. 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,

(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. 26. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2010. 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 odd-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.

Sec. 27. 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. 28. 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 filing, 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, (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, (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. 29. K.S.A. 2012 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 $5. 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 $5. 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 $5. 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. 30. 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) days after such publication. If such vacancy occurs before July 1 of an odd numbered year or 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. 31. 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 before 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. 32. K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of even 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 even numbered 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
(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. 33. 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-
obligation 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 of November of odd-numbered years. The terms of city officers
shall be four years and shall be staggered in a manner such that all
members shall not be elected at the same regularly-scheduled election.
(b) A primary shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of each
odd-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments
thereto.

Sec. 34. K.S.A. 2012 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 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. 35. 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. 36. K.S.A. 2012 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, a statement 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 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.

(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. Filing fees, or in lieu of such filing fees, the number of qualified electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition shall be established by the city governing body by ordinance.

(e) 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) 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) 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. 37. 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 article 2 of 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. 38. 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.

Sec. 39. 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. 40. K.S.A. 2012 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,
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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.

(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 even-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. 41. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-

Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
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) 90 days and not less than
thirty (30) 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) 90 days and
on the same date as such primary or general election.

(c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and
such occurrence is not more than thirty (30) 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 congress
person 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) 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 congress person 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 (c) of this section 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. 43. K.S.A. 2012 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 (b) (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 years, 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 therein where 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 (g).

(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 (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
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
thereon 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 be made as 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.
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 primary and general elections, 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. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and 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) 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. 44. 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 November of each odd-numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in December 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. 45. 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 1 second Monday in January following election. Members shall serve until their successors
are elected or appointed and qualified.

Sec. 46. 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 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.

Sec. 47. 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 $5.

(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 $5.

(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
intention to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the
amount of $5.

(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. 48. K.S.A. 71-1417 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
1417. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general
elections of members shall be listed in the various possible orders in
rotation. Ballots to be used in member elections shall be acquired by the
election officer in such form and quantity as he shall determine
alphabetical order according to the candidates' surnames.

Sec. 49. 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 partisan, in accordance with K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments
thereto, and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply to
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.

(c) 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. 50. 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. 52. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.