

**SENATE BILL No. 118**

By Senators Shallenburger, Argabright, Bowser, Clifford, Gossage, Holscher, Klemp, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Rose, Shane, Starnes, Sykes and Thomas

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1 AN ACT concerning members of the legislature; imposing conditional  
2 term limits; requiring nomination by petition for any legislator seeking  
3 reelection after having served the maximum number of terms;  
4 amending K.S.A. 25-205 and repealing the existing section.  
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6 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

7 New Section 1. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), on and after  
8 January 11, 2027:

9 (1) No individual shall be elected as a member of the house of  
10 representatives for more than six two-year terms; and

11 (2) no individual shall be elected as a member of the senate for more  
12 than three four-year terms.

13 (b) An individual may serve more than the number of terms specified  
14 in subsection (a) only if such individual is nominated for such office by  
15 petition in accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, for  
16 each election for such office after such individual has served such  
17 specified number of terms.

18 (c) In determining the number of terms an individual has served:

19 (1) Only full terms shall be included;

20 (2) terms served in the house of representatives shall be determined  
21 separately from terms served in the senate; and

22 (3) full terms shall be included whether such terms are served  
23 consecutively or nonconsecutively.

24 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205.

25 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of  
26 candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed  
27 upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become  
28 a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: ~~(1) They~~(A)  
29 *Such individual* shall have had filed ~~in their~~ *on such individual's* behalf,  
30 not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such  
31 date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the  
32 next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination  
33 petitions, as provided for in this ~~act~~ *section*; or ~~(2) they~~(B) *such individual*  
34 shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination petitions, as  
35 above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to

1 become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law. Such  
2 declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

3 (2) For any candidate for state representative or state senator who  
4 has served the number of terms for such office as specified in section 1,  
5 and amendments thereto, such individual's name shall only be printed on  
6 the official primary ballot if such individual is qualified to become a  
7 candidate by having a nomination petition filed on such individual's behalf  
8 in accordance with this section.

9 (b) (1) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following  
10 form:

11 I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of \_\_\_\_\_, and  
12 state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of  
13 \_\_\_\_\_ party, hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_, who resides in  
14 the township of \_\_\_\_\_ (or at number \_\_\_\_\_ on  
15 \_\_\_\_\_ street, city of \_\_\_\_\_), in the county of  
16 \_\_\_\_\_ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here  
17 specify the office) \_\_\_\_\_, to be voted for at the primary  
18 election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in \_\_\_\_\_, as  
19 representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend  
20 to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will  
21 not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at  
22 such primary election.

23 (HEADING)

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

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

30 (2) If the nomination petition is for a candidate for office and such  
31 candidate has served the number of terms specified for such office under  
32 section 1, and amendments thereto, then such petition shall also include  
33 the following statement: "I understand that the candidate has served the  
34 total number of terms for such office as specified in section 1 but desires  
35 to be elected to this office."

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

1 pasted together.

2 (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the  
3 same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit  
4 described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A. 25-  
5 3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be appended to  
6 each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of documents carried  
7 by each circulator, a verification, signed by the circulator or the candidate,  
8 to the effect that such circulator or the candidate personally witnessed the  
9 signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

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

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

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

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

29 (4) if for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than  
30 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in  
31 such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to  
32 the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments  
33 thereto.

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

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

1 education:

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

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

12 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress  
13 1,000 registered voters;

14 (B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300  
15 registered voters;

16 (C) for the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and

17 (D) for the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

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

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

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

35 (i) Primary elections for candidates for municipal office shall be held  
36 when otherwise required by law. The names of candidates for municipal  
37 offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot in odd-numbered  
38 year elections and in even-numbered years when needed. Persons shall  
39 become qualified to become a candidate by one of the following methods:

40 (1) ~~They~~ *Such individual* shall have filed, not later than 12 noon, on  
41 June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday,  
42 Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is  
43 not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as otherwise

1 provided by law; or

2 (2) ~~they~~*such individual* shall have filed, not later than the time for  
3 filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a  
4 declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the \$20  
5 fee required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary  
6 of state as provided in K.S.A. 25-21a03, and amendments thereto.

7 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-205 is hereby repealed.

8 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
9 publication in the statute book.