

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 171

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning elections and voting; relating to certain
2 municipalities and special districts; amending K.S.A. 2-623, 13-1221,
3 19-2760, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-209, 25-210, 25-212,
4 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-
5 2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-
6 2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-2901, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-
7 1413, 71-1414, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp.
8 2-624, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-
9 618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801
10 and 42-706 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A.
11 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b,
12 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-
13 1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-
14 1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-
15 1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-
16 1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-
17 1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-
18 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037,
19 12-1038, 19-2762 and 71-1417.

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

22 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2017, all primary
23 elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of
24 any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and
25 on such date thereafter of odd-numbered years, and all general elections
26 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any
27 municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in
28 November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on such date thereafter.

29 (b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected
30 officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in 2017 shall
31 expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected
32 members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall
33 take office.

34 (c) The governing body of the municipality shall establish by
35 ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with
36 this act.

1 (d) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as
2 provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election
3 shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021, and amendments
4 thereto, and K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise
5 required by law.

6 (e) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless
7 otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and
8 amendments thereto.

9 (f) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may
10 become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to
11 become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a
12 filing fee of \$20.

13 (g) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created
14 under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2014
15 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, county adopting a charter
16 under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, school district, any
17 board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and
18 amendments thereto, community college, drainage district, extension
19 district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto,
20 irrigation district, improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et
21 seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501
22 et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under K.S.A.
23 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any
24 special district where the election of members of the governing body is
25 conducted at a meeting of the special district.

26 (h) Cities may provide for elections of elected officials in even-
27 numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of office or for
28 three-year terms of office for elected officials.

29 New Sec. 2. All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to
30 a city's form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing
31 of city primary and general elections, shall remain in effect until amended
32 or repealed by such city.

33 New Sec. 3. (a) Subject to subsection (b), any city may adopt by
34 ordinance one of the following forms of government:

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

42 (b) Any city which has operated for four or more years under a form
43 of government may abandon such form and adopt a different form of

1 government. The provisions of K.S.A. 12-184, and amendments thereto,
2 shall govern the procedure for the adoption or abandonment of such form
3 of government.

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

6 (1) The powers and duties of the governing body, including the mayor
7 and other elected officials;

8 (2) the terms of office of members of the governing body, including
9 the mayor and other elected officials of either two or four years;

10 (3) the election by ward or district of members of the governing body,
11 if applicable;

12 (4) the powers and duties of the city manager, if applicable;

13 (5) the administrative departments of the city; and

14 (6) other matters deemed appropriate by the governing body.

15 New Sec. 4. (a) All unified school districts shall make suitable school
16 buildings available for polling places at the request of a county election
17 officer for the county in which all or any portion of the school district is
18 located.

19 (b) The county election officer shall give not less than 90 days' notice
20 to the superintendent of the school district of the need to use one or more
21 school buildings as polling places for any primary or general election.

22 (c) The terms "primary election" and "general election" shall have the
23 meanings as provided in K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto.

24 New Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall develop a public
25 information program to inform the public generally of changes made as a
26 result of moving spring elections to fall elections. Such public information
27 program shall include, at a minimum, the explanation of which public
28 office elections are being transferred from spring to fall elections. The
29 program shall include the use of advertisements and public service
30 announcements as well as posting of information on the opening pages of
31 the official internet websites of the secretary of state and county election
32 officers. The secretary of state and county election officers shall develop
33 dedicated websites to provide voter education and sample ballots for
34 elections.

35 (b) The county election officers in consultation with the secretary of
36 state shall develop ways to reduce the ballot length and expedite the voting
37 process on election days.

38 New Sec. 6. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the official
39 primary ballot for municipal offices.

40 (b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be
41 prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations shall be filed with the
42 county election officer not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary
43 election in odd-numbered years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday

1 or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday,
2 Sunday or holiday.

3 (c) For municipalities where a primary election is not authorized or
4 otherwise required by law, the declaration of intent to become a candidate
5 shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon,
6 September 1, prior to the general election in odd-numbered years, or if
7 such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of
8 the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

9 (d) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures
10 for primary elections for municipalities.

11 (e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to
12 implement this section.

13 New Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 7, and amendments thereto, may be
14 cited as and shall be known as the help Kansas vote act.

15 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a)
16 Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils may
17 establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such
18 councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to
19 combine the extension programs for each county involved into one
20 extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall
21 be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1)
22 The board of county commissioners of each county included in the
23 proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)
24 the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the
25 proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state
26 university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized
27 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in
28 accordance with subsection (h).

29 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils
30 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a
31 new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with
32 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and
33 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district
34 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils
35 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement
36 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:
37 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the
38 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)
39 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being
40 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing
41 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university
42 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized
43 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in

1 accordance with subsection (h).

2 (c) On July 1 after the approval under subsection (a) or (b) of an
3 agreement to establish an extension district, such extension district is
4 hereby established and shall constitute a body corporate and politic
5 possessing the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes under the
6 name of "extension district no. _____ (the number designated by the
7 director of extension), _____ counties (naming the counties included
8 within the district), state of Kansas." Each extension district is a taxing
9 subdivision and has the power to contract, sue and be sued and to acquire,
10 hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law.

11 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection
12 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension
13 programs which are combined into the new district extension programs
14 shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the
15 authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance
16 with the agreement to establish the extension district.

17 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection
18 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the
19 establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to
20 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all
21 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their
22 appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for
23 terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an
24 election held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year~~
25 ~~following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending~~
26 ~~upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held~~
27 ~~on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following~~
28 ~~their appointment following the first Monday in November of the first odd-~~
29 ~~numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve~~
30 ~~for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at~~
31 ~~an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November~~
32 ~~of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment.~~

33 (f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing
34 extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners
35 of each county being included in an existing extension district shall
36 appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the
37 governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so
38 appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the
39 members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the
40 election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the ~~first~~
41 ~~Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their~~
42 ~~appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the~~
43 ~~election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first~~

1 ~~Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their~~
2 ~~appointment Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first~~
3 ~~odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall~~
4 ~~serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their~~
5 ~~successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday~~
6 ~~in November of the second odd-numbered year following their~~
7 ~~appointment. The offices of the members of the governing body of the~~
8 existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in
9 such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded
10 extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their
11 existing terms of office.

12 (g) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement entered
13 into under this section shall specify the permissible method or methods to
14 be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the extension
15 district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the extension
16 district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

17 (h) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A. 2-
18 628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to its
19 entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney general who shall
20 determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with
21 this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney general shall approve
22 any agreement submitted for approval under this section or K.S.A. 2-628,
23 and amendments thereto, unless the attorney general finds that the
24 submitted agreement does not meet the requirements of this act. In such
25 case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the proposed parties to
26 the agreement and to each other entity required to approve the agreement,
27 the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the
28 requirements of law. Failure by the attorney general to disapprove an
29 agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection within 90 days of its
30 submission shall constitute approval of the agreement by the attorney
31 general.

32 (i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of
33 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed
34 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing
35 extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a
36 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to
37 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included
38 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each
39 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If,
40 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in
41 opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county
42 in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified
43 electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such

1 board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the
2 county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the
3 same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county
4 voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special
5 election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall
6 be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-
7 120, and amendments thereto.

8 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be
10 composed of four representatives from each county included in the
11 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first
12 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four
13 members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected
14 in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

15 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to
16 membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the
17 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such
18 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall
19 commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member
20 elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and
21 qualified.

22 (c) (1) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this act, an~~ *The* election to
23 elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are
24 expiring shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ *following the first*
25 *Monday in November* of each odd-numbered year.

26 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an
27 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results
28 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections
29 except as otherwise provided by this act. ~~Not later than 12 noon of the~~
30 ~~Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years,~~
31 ~~each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing~~
32 ~~body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by~~
33 ~~a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county represented~~
34 ~~by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as~~
35 ~~a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such~~
36 ~~filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.~~
37 ~~The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the~~
38 ~~names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order~~
39 ~~Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body~~
40 ~~shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election~~
41 ~~officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body~~
42 ~~whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in~~
43 ~~the manner as provided in section 6, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A.~~

1 25-205, and amendments thereto.

2 (3) ~~The county election officer of each county within the extension~~
3 ~~district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections~~
4 ~~and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election~~
5 ~~officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the~~
6 ~~district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the~~
7 ~~judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each~~
8 ~~election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a~~
9 ~~newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in~~
10 ~~the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding~~
11 ~~thereof shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper~~
12 ~~published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and~~
13 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.~~

14 (4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.
15 ~~Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under~~
16 ~~the general election laws.~~

17 (d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an
18 extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for
19 the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident
20 of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

21 (e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize
22 annually in ~~July~~ *January* by electing from among its members a
23 chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

24 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
25 1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members, three
26 of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three of
27 which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each of
28 the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). *Members of the board*
29 *shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis.* Members elected to the board of
30 public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold their offices for
31 terms of four years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.
32 Each of the members elected from districts shall be qualified voters of the
33 districts from which elected. Elections of members of the board shall be
34 held at the ~~time of the general city election in odd-numbered years.~~ ~~The~~
35 ~~provisions of article 17 of chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated,~~
36 ~~pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall govern so far as~~
37 ~~applicable.~~

38 (b) The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-
39 president and shall appoint a secretary. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of~~
40 ~~K.S.A. 13-1222, relating to a quorum for the transaction of business and a~~
41 ~~vote for action by the board,~~ Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be
42 filled by a majority vote of the members remaining on the board. Where a
43 vacancy has occurred in the membership of any board of public utilities, a

1 member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next city-
2 *November in odd-numbered years* election, at which time a successor shall
3 be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

4 ~~(b) The districts numbered 1, 2 and 3 established in 1979 shall be~~
5 ~~subject to alteration at the first meeting of the board in each fourth year~~
6 ~~thereafter, but such alteration shall only be for the purpose of establishing~~
7 ~~and maintaining the equality of population among the districts.~~

8 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
9 2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the
10 Tuesday following the first Monday in November ~~of 1978~~ and of each
11 even-numbered year thereafter for the purpose of electing three directors
12 of such district, except that the first election following the establishment of
13 such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of county
14 commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

15 (b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of
16 two years, ~~except that directors elected prior to the Tuesday following the~~
17 ~~first Monday in November, 1978, and directors elected at the first election~~
18 ~~following the establishment of the district shall serve until their successors~~
19 ~~are elected.~~

20 (c) ~~(1) From and after July 1, 2006, Each director shall:~~

21 ~~(A) (1) Own land within the improvement district; or~~

22 ~~(B) (2) reside in the improvement district.~~

23 ~~(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), each director~~
24 ~~elected on or before June 30, 2006, shall be allowed to serve the remainder~~
25 ~~of such director's current term of office.~~

26 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
27 3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body
28 of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member
29 board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each member
30 shall be elected and shall hold office from ~~May 1 following such member's~~
31 ~~election until April 30, the second Monday in January succeeding such~~
32 ~~member's election until~~ four years thereafter and until a successor is
33 elected and has qualified.

34 The first election of members of the governing body of any water
35 district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first
36 Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members
37 shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and
38 ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term,
39 to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members
40 shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the
41 beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members
42 first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately
43 eight months. Elections shall be ~~thereafter~~ held on the ~~first~~ Tuesday ~~in~~

1 ~~April of each odd-numbered year~~ following the first Monday in November
2 of each odd-numbered year for the member positions whose terms expire
3 in that year.

4 (b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water
5 district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991,
6 positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the
7 election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to four-
8 year terms.

9 (c) Elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April of each odd-~~
10 ~~numbered~~ following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered
11 year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold
12 office from ~~May 1, the second Monday in January~~ following such
13 member's election until ~~April 30~~; four years thereafter and until a successor
14 is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be
15 called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to
16 other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality
17 shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be
18 made to apply. *Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall*
19 *be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the*
20 *county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-209, and*
21 *amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.*

22 (d) *In January*, following each election, the board shall organize and
23 not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall
24 select from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The
25 vice-chairperson shall preside over any meetings at which the chairperson
26 is not present. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the
27 unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members. All members
28 shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials. The
29 members of the board shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior
30 to accepting office, the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a
31 corporate surety bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of \$10,000,
32 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the member's duties and for
33 the true and faithful accounting of all money that may come into the
34 member's hands by virtue of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the
35 office of the county clerk for the county in which the major portion of such
36 water district is located after approval by the board of county
37 commissioners of such county.

38 (e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an
39 amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary
40 and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

41 Sec. 13. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
42 3507. ~~The water district election shall be held in each election precinct, a~~
43 ~~part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no~~

1 other election is being held in a given election precinct on the same date as
2 the water district election, the county election officer may provide one or
3 more convenient voting places where the water district electors of such
4 precinct may vote, which may be a voting place located in another
5 precinct. The county election officer shall designate such voting places and
6 the persons entitled to vote thereat in the election notice. The county
7 election officer shall make a report in writing to the board of county
8 commissioners of such election precincts and voting places, which report
9 shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which such
10 precincts and voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the
11 journal of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or
12 counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and
13 voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like manner
14 be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners, filed and
15 entered as aforesaid. The polls for any election held under this act shall be
16 open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

17 ~~Any~~ *Any* qualified persons ~~person~~ desiring to be voted upon as a
18 candidate for a position as a member of such board shall ~~on or before~~
19 12:00 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first
20 Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date
21 shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, file a candidate's
22 declaration of intention in the manner provided in section 6, and
23 amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto, with
24 the county election officer, a statement directing such officer to place such
25 person's name on the ballot as a candidate for member of the board of the
26 water district in such election, indicating the number of the position for
27 which such person is filing. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw
28 as a candidate after the deadline for filing such statements of candidacy.
29 There shall be no primary election for members of the water district board.
30 The county election officer shall publish names of all candidates in a
31 newspaper of general circulation within the water district ~~not less than 10~~
32 days before such election *in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and*
33 *amendments thereto.* The county election officer shall provide for use of
34 voting machines or printed ballots in each election precinct or voting
35 place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall be done at the
36 expense of the water district. The names of candidates for each member
37 position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that each
38 candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such candidate's
39 name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being conducted
40 in an election precinct or voting place is the water district election, The
41 cost of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting place shall
42 be borne entirely by the water district, but where held in conjunction with
43 other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided by article

1 ~~22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments~~
2 ~~thereto.~~

3 ~~At least five days before any election, the county election officers of~~
4 ~~the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in~~
5 ~~cooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas~~
6 ~~where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district~~
7 ~~and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and~~
8 ~~located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which~~
9 ~~contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified~~
10 ~~electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list~~
11 ~~of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be~~
12 ~~furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the voting~~
13 ~~precincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote.~~

14 ~~(b) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the water district.~~

15 ~~(c) Qualified electors of any election precinct, the entirety part or all~~
16 ~~of which is within the water district, shall be entitled to vote in such~~
17 ~~precinct and a separate list of their names need not be furnished.~~

18 ~~A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinct other than~~
19 ~~the one in which such person resides unless no election is being held in~~
20 ~~such precinct, in which event, such voter shall be entitled to vote in the~~
21 ~~voting place designated by the county election officer.~~

22 ~~Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges of each~~
23 ~~precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one desirous of~~
24 ~~voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may proceed to the~~
25 ~~county election officer of the county and such officer may administer oaths~~
26 ~~and affirm witnesses to determine the right of anyone to vote who may~~
27 ~~elaim erroneous omission from such list, and if such officer issues a~~
28 ~~certificate entitling the voter to vote, such certificate shall be accepted by~~
29 ~~the judges and clerks of the election. The list so furnished by the county~~
30 ~~election officer shall be conclusive at all elections held within the same~~
31 ~~year that the list is furnished.~~

32 ~~Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as~~
33 ~~follows: 24-412. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as~~
34 ~~otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in~~
35 ~~each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April,~~
36 ~~1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first~~
37 ~~Tuesday in April, to choose directors *An election to choose three directors*~~
38 ~~*in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in*~~
39 ~~*November of 2017, and an election shall be held each four years*~~
40 ~~*thereafter, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to*~~
41 ~~*choose directors. Any director elected in any district in 2015 shall hold*~~
42 ~~*such office until such successor is elected and qualified.*~~

43 ~~(b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage~~

1 district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in
2 K.S.A. ~~2012~~ 2014 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

3 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as
4 follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the
5 returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for
6 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and ~~all~~
7 ~~persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not~~
8 ~~later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in~~
9 ~~April in election years, file a declaration of candidacy, any qualified~~
10 ~~person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate's~~
11 ~~declaration of intention in the manner provided in section 6, and~~
12 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto,~~
13 accompanied by a filing fee of ~~\$5~~ \$20, with the county election officer of
14 the county wherein the district is located, ~~as a candidate in such election,~~
15 and the election officer in making up the ballots ~~and in placing the names~~
16 ~~thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the~~
17 ~~returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and~~
18 ~~canvassed by the board of directors.~~ The county election officer shall remit
19 such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general
20 fund. ~~The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage~~
21 ~~district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for~~
22 ~~other elections and shall designate places for holding the election.~~ The
23 county ~~clerk~~ *election officer* shall cause to be ascertained the names of all
24 persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish
25 lists thereof to the judges of the election.

26 (b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, ~~signed by~~
27 ~~the county election officer,~~ shall be ~~given~~ *published* in a newspaper
28 published in the county *in accordance with procedures established in*
29 *K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and*
30 *amendments thereto,* and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the
31 board of directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all
32 elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons
33 who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a
34 population of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under
35 the provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of
36 the district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election
37 expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district.
38 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under
39 the general election laws.

40 (c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns
41 any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes
42 assessed on such property.

43 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as

1 follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
2 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, *and amendments thereto*, shall
3 consist of three qualified persons as defined in ~~paragraph (3) of subsection~~
4 ~~(e) of this section~~(3).

5 (b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the
6 drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the
7 incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county
8 commissioners to which the petition is presented.

9 (c) The directors shall hold office until the ~~first Tuesday in April next~~
10 *second Monday in January of the next even-numbered year* after the
11 incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter
12 directors shall be elected *at the November odd-year elections* and shall
13 hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are
14 elected and qualified.

15 (d) Every qualified person of the district shall be entitled to vote at
16 the election or at any election which may be held in the district.

17 (e) For the purposes of this section:

18 (1) "Owner" or "person who owns land" means any person or entity
19 who is the record owner of the fee in any real estate in the district or the
20 fee in the surface rights of any real estate in the district, but the owners of
21 an oil and gas lease, mineral rights or interest, easements or mortgages as
22 such shall not be considered owners, and school districts, cemetery
23 associations, and municipal corporations shall not be considered owners.

24 (2) "Taxpayer" means any owner who has paid all taxes currently due
25 on such real estate.

26 (3) "Qualified person" means any taxpayer 18 years of age or older,
27 whether a resident of the district or not. A taxpayer who is a qualified
28 person and who is not an individual may designate an individual to cast its
29 vote or to serve as a director of the district.

30 (f) The county clerk shall determine the qualified persons entitled to
31 vote at any election in the district. Any entity desiring to vote at an election
32 shall register the name of its designated representative with the county
33 election officer no later than ~~14~~ 21 days in advance of any such election.

34 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.
35 Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed
36 drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of ~~said the~~
37 drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state
38 shall report ~~such the~~ fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall ~~forthwith~~
39 declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in ~~said the~~
40 petition and set forth in the reports of ~~said the~~ commissioners to constitute
41 a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within ~~such the~~
42 bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be incorporated as a
43 drainage district under the name designated in ~~said the~~ petition, and

1 ~~thenceforth the said~~ territory and the freeholders thereof, who are residents
2 of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a body politic
3 and corporate under ~~said the~~ corporate name and shall give perpetual
4 succession.

5 In ~~said the~~ proclamation the governor shall designate the ~~last Tuesday~~
6 ~~of the next succeeding calendar month~~ *Tuesday following the first Monday*
7 *in November of the odd-numbered year* following the issuing of ~~said the~~
8 proclamation on which an election shall be held in each of the counties to
9 be included within the proposed drainage district for the purpose of
10 electing directors of ~~said the~~ corporation, in number and in the manner
11 hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make and keep full and
12 complete records of the organization of all drainage districts organized
13 under the provisions of this act, showing the findings and decisions of the
14 boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of the governor in
15 connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct copy of which
16 he shall forward to the ~~said~~ boards of county commissioners within five
17 days after the issuing of the governor's proclamation provided for in this
18 section, and they shall spread the same upon their records.

19 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as
20 follows: 24-506. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
21 incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto,
22 shall consist of one person from each county in the district if the number
23 of counties is odd, but if the number of counties is even, then there shall be
24 an additional director at large. If the drainage district is located wholly
25 within one county, the number of directors shall be three. Except as
26 provided in subsection (b), the directors shall be freeholders who shall be
27 residents of Kansas, whose lands in whole or in part are located within the
28 district. The directors shall hold their offices for a term of four years and
29 until their successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose
30 directors, except the first, shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~
31 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next odd-*
32 *numbered year* and every four years thereafter.

33 (b) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land
34 within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold
35 the office of director.

36 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 25-204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-204.
37 On or before April second in even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years
38 before the time of holding the statewide primary election *or the municipal*
39 *primary election*, the secretary of state shall prepare and transmit to each
40 county election officer a notice in writing, designating the offices for
41 which candidates are to be nominated at such statewide primary election.
42 Upon receipt of such notice each county election officer shall forthwith
43 publish so much thereof as may be applicable to his county, once each

1 week for three consecutive weeks, in the official county paper. ~~Such The~~
2 notice ~~so published~~ shall state the time when ~~such the~~ primary election will
3 be held, together with the offices for which candidates are to be
4 nominated.

5 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as
6 follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
7 names of candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall
8 be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified
9 to become a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: (1)
10 They shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than 12 noon, June 1,
11 prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or
12 a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a
13 Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this
14 act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination
15 petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of
16 intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law.
17 Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

18 (b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:

19 I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of _____, and
20 state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of
21 _____ party, hereby nominate _____, who resides in
22 the township of _____ (or at number _____ on
23 _____ street, city of _____), in the county of
24 _____ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here
25 specify the office) _____, to be voted for at the primary
26 election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in _____, as
27 representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend
28 to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will
29 not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at
30 such primary election.

31 (HEADING)

32 Name of Street Number Name of Date of
33 Signers. or Rural Route City. Signing.
34 (as registered).

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

38 (c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such
39 petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to
40 support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's
41 signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or,
42 otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the
43 place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing

1 given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address
2 they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or
3 pasted together.

4 (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the
5 same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit
6 described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A.
7 2014 Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be
8 appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of
9 documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the
10 circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the
11 candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person
12 whose name appears thereon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 (g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of
2 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in
3 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of
4 education:

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

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

15 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress
16 1,000 registered voters;

17 (B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300
18 registered voters;

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

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

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

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

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

38 (i) *Primary elections for candidates for municipal office shall be held*
39 *when otherwise required by law. The names of candidates for municipal*
40 *offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot in odd-numbered*
41 *year elections when each shall have qualified to become a candidate by*
42 *one of the following methods:*

43 (1) *They shall have filed, not later than 12 noon, on June 1, prior to*

1 *such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a*
2 *holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a*
3 *Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as otherwise*
4 *provided by law; or*

5 *(2) they shall have filed, not later than the time for filing nomination*
6 *petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of*
7 *intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the \$20 fee required by*
8 *law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state as*
9 *provided in section 6.*

10 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-209.

11 *(a) As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state shall*
12 *certify to each county election officer the name and post-office address of*
13 *each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a declaration of*
14 *intent to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or*
15 *for state office, together with the designation of the office for which each*
16 *is a candidate and the party or principle which the candidate represents.*

17 *(b) The county election officer shall forthwith, upon receipt thereof,*
18 *publish for three-(3) consecutive weeks in the official paper, a notice*
19 *which shall set forth under the proper party designation, the title of each*
20 *national, state, county and township office any part of the district of which*
21 *is in the county, the names and addresses of all persons certified by the*
22 *secretary of state as candidates for any national or state office any part of*
23 *the district of which is in the county and, in addition thereto, the names*
24 *and addresses of all persons from whom valid nomination papers or*
25 *declarations have been filed in the county election officer's office, giving*
26 *the name and address of each, the day of the primary election, the hours*
27 *during which the polls will be open and stating that the primary election*
28 *will be held at the regular voting places. Where such voting places are not*
29 *well established and customarily known the published notice herein*
30 *provided for shall give the location of such voting places.*

31 *(c) The secretary of state shall utilize the procedures established in*
32 *this section to the extent applicable for municipal elections conducted in*
33 *the fall of odd-numbered years.*

34 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 25-210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-210.

35 *(a) The official primary election ballot for national and state offices and*
36 *the official primary election ballot for county and township offices of each*
37 *political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed, voted, and*
38 *canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided by law for*
39 *the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official general ballots*
40 *for national and state offices and official general ballots for county and*
41 *township offices, except as otherwise provided by law.*

42 *(b) The official primary election ballot for municipal elections in*
43 *odd-numbered years shall be arranged, printed, voted and canvassed in*

1 *the manner as provided by law.*

2 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-212.
3 (a) In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention to
4 become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than
5 one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same
6 party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the
7 state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names
8 to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly
9 equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without
10 dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state
11 shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the
12 secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such
13 party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of
14 the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of
15 counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party
16 members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the
17 alphabetical list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular order and in
18 certifying to the county election officer the list of names for whom
19 nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have
20 been filed, shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list
21 in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on
22 with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or
23 pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one
24 division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth.
25 When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district
26 judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state
27 board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary
28 of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each
29 candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state
30 senator, state representative or state board of education member in any
31 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name
32 first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of
33 state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the
34 district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices
35 according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of
36 names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting
37 machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct.

38 The arrangement of the names certified by the secretary of state shall
39 govern the county election officer in arranging the primary election ballot,
40 and the county election officer in preparing the ballot for such officer's
41 county shall follow the same arrangement as provided in this section for
42 the secretary of state, for the candidates nominated for county offices,
43 using the township and precincts of the county in making the division.

1 (b) The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall establish the
2 arrangement of names for the official primary ballot for municipal
3 elections.

4 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as
5 follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the
6 national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be
7 printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state
8 offices and the county and township offices as specified for each in this
9 section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county
10 and township offices.

11 (b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following
12 heading:

13 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

14 _____ Party
15 To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross
16 or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a
17 person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in
18 the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the
19 square to the left.

20 The words national and state or the words county and township shall
21 appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

22 The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for
23 whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to
24 law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and
25 state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States
26 representative from _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor,
27 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of
28 insurance, senator _____ district, representative _____ district, district
29 judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____ district, district
30 attorney _____ judicial district, and member state board of education
31 _____ district. For county and township offices the form shall be followed
32 by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations
33 have been filed according to law for political parties having primary
34 elections in the following order: Commissioner _____ district, county clerk,
35 treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee,
36 township treasurer, township clerk. When any office is not to be elected, it
37 shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed,
38 shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a
39 statement of the number to vote for.

40 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official
41 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The
42 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be
43 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are

1 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the
2 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line
3 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in
4 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be
5 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or
6 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct
7 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name
9 shall be printed more than once on either the official primary election
10 ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot
11 for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official
12 primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or
13 written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election
14 ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the
15 unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the
16 same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The
17 name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as
18 such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or
19 committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election
20 ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere
21 on such ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and
22 township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.
23 No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county
24 and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary
25 election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on such county
26 and township ballot except for precinct committeeman or
27 committeewoman.

28 (d) No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman
29 or precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or
30 declarations have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-
31 in votes. As a result of a primary election, no person shall receive the
32 nomination and no person's name shall be printed on the official general
33 election ballot when no nomination petitions or declarations were filed,
34 unless the person receives votes equal in number to not less than 5% of the
35 total of the current voter registration designated in the state, county or
36 district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the
37 secretary of state, except that a candidate for township office may receive
38 the nomination and have such person's name printed on the ballot where
39 no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if such candidate
40 receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to
41 obtain more than 5,000 votes.

42 (e) *The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall develop the*
43 *official ballot for municipal elections in odd-numbered year elections.*

1 Sec. 25. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.
2 (a) The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer
3 forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall
4 prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official
5 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such
6 rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have
7 an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to
8 which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any
9 national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or part
10 thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for
11 each particular office. In making such division the secretary of state shall
12 divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required
13 number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal
14 as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as
15 compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in
16 certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers,
17 shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for
18 each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that
19 every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in
20 each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices
21 elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it
22 impossible to make a division which allows each such candidate in any
23 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's
24 name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the
25 secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various
26 counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such
27 district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The
28 names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service
29 therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their
30 respective terms.

31 In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together,
32 when the word "candidate" is used in this section, it shall mean pair of
33 candidates.

34 (b) *The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot*
35 *styles for general elections in odd-numbered year elections for*
36 *municipalities by rules and regulations.*

37 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general
39 ballot for national and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be
40 in the following order: Names of candidates for the offices of president
41 and vice-president, United States senator, United States representative
42 _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,
43 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the

1 state as a whole), state senator _____ district, state representative _____
2 district, district judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____
3 district, district attorney _____ judicial district, and state board of
4 education member _____ district.

5 (b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for
6 county ~~and~~, township *and municipal* offices for those offices to be elected
7 shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county
8 commissioner _____ district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of
9 deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer; *and*
10 township clerk.

11 (c) *The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for*
12 *municipalities in odd-numbered year elections shall be established by the*
13 *secretary of state by rules and regulations.*

14 Sec. 27. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-618 is hereby amended to read as
15 follows: 25-618. (a) The official general ballot for county and township
16 offices may be separate from the official general ballot for national and
17 state offices or may be combined with the official general ballot provided
18 for in K.S.A. 25-601, and amendments thereto. The secretary of state shall
19 prescribe the ballot format but the ballot shall be substantially in the form
20 shown in this section and K.S.A. 25-611, and amendments thereto.

21 STATE OF KANSAS
22 OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT
23 County and Township Offices
24 County of _____, City (or Township) of _____
25 November _____, _____ year
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To vote for a person, make a cross or check mark in the square at the
28 left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed
29 on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and make a cross
30 or check mark in the square to the left.

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32 FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
33 _____ DISTRICT

34 Vote for One
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39 FOR COUNTY CLERK

40 Vote for One
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FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Vote for One

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And continuing in like manner for all county and township offices to be elected.

(b) The official general ballot for municipalities shall be established by the secretary of state by rules and regulations.

Sec. 28. K.S.A. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the Tuesday ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-numbered *and odd-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~~ *elections* held on the first Tuesday in August of *both* even-numbered *and 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, *municipal or special district* office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

Sec. 29. K.S.A. 2014 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

1 identification; or

2 (2) the name and address of the voter provided on the application for
3 an advance voting ballot do not match the voter's name and address on the
4 registration book. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as
5 defined in K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, to the county election
6 officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the
7 meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county
8 board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of
9 identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding
10 provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a
11 voter's identification is valid and the provisional ballot was properly cast,
12 the ballot shall be counted.

13 (e) No county election officer shall provide an advance voting ballot
14 to a person who is requesting an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by
15 mail unless:

16 (1) The county election official verifies that the signature of the
17 person matches that on file in the county voter registration records.
18 Signature verification may occur by electronic device or by human
19 inspection. In the event that the signature of a person who is requesting an
20 advance voting ballot does not match that on file, the county election
21 officer shall attempt to contact the person and shall offer the person
22 another opportunity to provide ~~such~~ the person's signature for the purposes
23 of verifying the person's identity. If the county election officer is unable to
24 reach the person, the county election officer may transmit a provisional
25 ballot, however, such provisional ballot may not be counted unless a
26 signature is included therewith that can be verified; and

27 (2) the person provides such person's full Kansas driver's license
28 number, Kansas nondriver's identification card number issued by the
29 division of vehicles, or submits such person's application for an advance
30 voting ballot and a copy of identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and
31 amendments thereto, to the county election officer for verification. If a
32 person applies for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail but
33 fails to provide identification pursuant to this subsection or the
34 identification of ~~such~~ the person cannot be verified by the county election
35 officer, the county election officer shall provide information to ~~such~~ the
36 person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall
37 provide ~~such~~ the person an opportunity to provide identification pursuant
38 to this subsection. For the purposes of this act, Kansas state offices and
39 offices of any subdivision of the state will allow any person seeking to
40 vote by an advance voting ballot the use of a photocopying device to make
41 one photocopy of an identification document at no cost.

42 (f) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the
43 voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:

1 (1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August
2 in *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, between April 1 of such
3 year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary
4 election.

5 (2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday ~~succeeding~~
6 *following* the first Monday in November in *both* even-numbered *and odd-*
7 *numbered* years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last
8 business day of the week preceding such general election.

9 ~~(3) For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first~~
10 ~~Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the~~
11 ~~last business day of the week preceding such primary election.~~

12 ~~(4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April,~~
13 ~~between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of~~
14 ~~the week preceding such general election.~~

15 ~~(5)~~ (3) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a
16 primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election
17 of officers at such election.

18 ~~(6)~~ (4) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a
19 primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice
20 thereof and the last business day of the week preceding such question
21 submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on
22 a day other than a Tuesday, the county election officer shall determine the
23 final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be
24 more than three business days before such election.

25 ~~(7)~~ (5) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified
26 by the secretary of state.

27 ~~(8)~~ (6) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of
28 the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the
29 week preceding such primary election.

30 The county election officer of any county may receive applications
31 prior to the time specified in this subsection and hold such applications
32 until the beginning of the prescribed application period. Such applications
33 shall be treated as filed on that date.

34 (g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office,
35 applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in
36 the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next
37 preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later
38 than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election
39 officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to
40 the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be
41 filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such
42 properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to
43 the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

1 An application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has
2 temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the
3 English language or by a person rendering assistance to such voter may be
4 filed during the regular advance ballot application periods until the close
5 of the polls on election day.

6 The county election officer may designate places other than the central
7 county election office as satellite advance voting sites. At any satellite
8 advance voting site, a registered voter may obtain an application for
9 advance voting ballots. ~~Such~~ Ballots and instructions shall be delivered to
10 the voter in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as
11 otherwise provided by this subsection.

12 (h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has
13 been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an
14 application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for
15 permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such
16 information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and
17 also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to
18 permanent advance voting status.

19 (i) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this
20 section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such
21 officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such
22 applications, together with their correct post office address and the
23 precinct, ward, township or voting area in which ~~such~~ the persons claim to
24 be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct
25 residents and the present resident address of each applicant. ~~Such~~ Names
26 and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The
27 county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and
28 addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All
29 such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with
30 this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The
31 county election officer upon receipt of ~~such~~ the applications shall enter
32 upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant,
33 which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of
34 any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make
35 ~~such~~ the inspection shall provide to the county election officer
36 identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification
37 and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by ~~such~~ the
38 officer stating ~~such~~ the person's name and address and showing the date
39 and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer
40 shall be subject to public inspection, except that the voter identification
41 information required by subsections (b) and (c) and the identifying number
42 on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such numbers shall not be
43 made public.

1 (j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in
 2 ~~two~~ *four* consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the
 3 first Monday in November of each even-numbered *and odd-numbered*
 4 year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. ~~Such~~ *The*
 5 notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from
 6 the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application
 7 for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is
 8 mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election
 9 officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting
 10 list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status
 11 shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration
 12 list.

13 (k) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to
 14 implement the provisions of this section and to define valid forms of
 15 identification.

16 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
 17 2006. (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on
 18 ~~the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year,~~ *Tuesday following*
 19 *the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years,* and in the case of
 20 special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at
 21 which any such officer is finally elected.

22 (b) "Primary election" means the election held ~~five weeks preceding~~
 23 ~~the election~~ on the first Tuesday ~~in April~~ *following the first Monday in*
 24 *August of each odd-numbered year,* and any other preliminary election at
 25 which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are
 26 eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally
 27 elected.

28 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
 29 2007. (a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a
 30 special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of
 31 them.

32 (b) "County election officer" means:

33 (1) The election commissioner of the home county of the school
 34 district if such county has an election commissioner;

35 (2) the county clerk of the home county of the school district if the
 36 county does not have an election commissioner; *and*

37 (3) the county clerk ~~(, or the election commissioner if there is one),~~ of
 38 the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in
 39 the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists
 40 concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this
 41 subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such
 42 specification shall be conclusive.

43 (c) "Filing deadline" means ~~the hour, date or time after which it is~~

1 provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public
2 office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the
3 Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any
4 odd-numbered year the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and
5 amendments thereto.

6 Sec. 32. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
7 2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections shall be
8 conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the school
9 district. Board member general elections shall be held on the first Tuesday
10 in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is required to be
11 held, such Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-
12 numbered years. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday
13 preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-numbered years
14 in August of odd-numbered years.

15 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
16 2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general
17 school elections shall be listed in the various possible orders in rotation
18 order as provided in K.S.A. 25-212 and 25-610, and amendments thereto.

19 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
20 2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe
21 the form and time of every publication notice applicable to any primary or
22 general school election.

23 Sec. 35. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
24 2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted
25 elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

26 (b) ~~On or before January 15~~ At the time and in the manner prescribed
27 in K.S.A. 25-204, and amendments thereto, the county election officer shall
28 publish a notice of election one time in a newspaper having general
29 circulation in the school district. The notice for board member elections
30 shall state: (1) The name of the school district;; (2) the date of the general
31 election;; (3) the date of the primary election if one is held;; (4) the filing
32 deadline and the place of filing;; and (5) the offices or positions to be
33 filled.

34 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form
35 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part
36 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this
37 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe
38 any particular form.

39 (d) ~~Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ At the
40 time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments
41 thereto, a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county
42 election officer in a newspaper having general circulation in the school
43 district, if a primary election is required to be held. The publication shall

1 be made one time and shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2)
2 the date of the primary election; (3) the names of the candidates and the
3 office or position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or
4 places and the area each voting place is to serve; *and* (5) the times of
5 opening and closing of the polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms
6 determined by the county election officer.

7 ~~(e) Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April~~ *At the*
8 *time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments*
9 *thereto*, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county
10 election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the
11 school district. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district;;
12 (2) the date of the general election;; (3) the names of the candidates and
13 the office or position for which each is a candidate;; (4) the voting place or
14 places and the area each voting place is to serve;; *and* (5) the time of
15 opening and closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as
16 may be determined by the county election officer.

17 (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district
18 shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments
19 thereto. The notice shall state: (1) the name of the school district;; (2) the
20 date of the election;; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond
21 election;; (4) the proposition to be voted upon;; (5) the hours of opening
22 and closing of the polls;; (6) the voting place or places and the area each
23 voting place is to serve;; and (7) any other information specifically
24 required by law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by
25 the county election officer.

26 Sec. 36. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as
27 follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any
28 school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board
29 member by any one of the following methods:

30 (1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition
31 to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which
32 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election
33 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors
34 residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to
35 not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district,
36 whichever is less.

37 (2) Any person who is an elector in any school district may petition to
38 be a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which
39 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election
40 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors
41 residing in such school district.

42 (3) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become
43 a candidate for board member from the member district in which such

1 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of
2 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing
3 fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the
4 secretary of state.

5 (4) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a
6 candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such
7 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of
8 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing
9 fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the
10 secretary of state.

11 (5) Any such petition or declaration shall specify the member position
12 for which the person is a candidate.

13 (b) When the election at large method is in effect in any school
14 district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by
15 either one of the following methods:

16 (1) Any person who is an elector of the school district may petition to
17 be a candidate for board member. Any such person shall file with the
18 county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less
19 than 50 electors residing in the school district.

20 (2) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may
21 become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election
22 officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment
23 therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20. Such declaration shall be
24 prescribed by the secretary of state.

25 (3) Any such petition or declaration which is for an unexpired term of
26 a member shall so specify.

27 (c) Any such petition or declaration of intent must be filed before the
28 filing deadline *as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto*.
29 No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the
30 filing deadline.

31 (d) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination
32 petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for board
33 member, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such
34 petition or declaration.

35 (e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the
36 county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the
37 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or
38 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.
39 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the
40 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and
41 amendments thereto.

42 Sec. 37. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
43 2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy

1 which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired
 2 term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in
 3 a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that
 4 the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the
 5 board not sooner than ~~fifteen (15)~~ 15 days after such publication. If such
 6 vacancy occurs before ~~January 1 of an odd-numbered year~~ *May 1 of the*
 7 *second year of the term* leaving an unexpired term of more than two years
 8 such appointee shall serve until the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday in January* after
 9 the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, ~~or~~
 10 ~~any and amendments thereto.~~

11 In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing ~~July~~
 12 ~~on the second Monday in January~~ after the following general school
 13 election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and
 14 returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as
 15 follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

16 Sec. 38. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
 17 2023. ~~Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with the~~
 18 ~~election officer not later than ten (10) days~~ *The term of office of each*
 19 *board member shall commence on the second Monday in January*
 20 ~~following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after~~
 21 ~~issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later~~
 22 ~~date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following the~~
 23 ~~general school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an~~
 24 ~~oath of office with the county election office.~~ Each member elected to a
 25 board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or
 26 appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four ~~(4)~~ years.

27 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as
 28 follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held
 29 on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of *both* even-
 30 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~
 31 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
 32 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

33 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first
 34 Tuesday in August of ~~even-numbered~~ *both even-numbered and odd-*
 35 *numbered* years, ~~the election held five weeks preceding the election on the~~
 36 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of
 37 the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city ~~or~~
 38 school *or municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but
 39 at which no officer is finally elected.

40 (c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the
 41 city is divided into member districts or wards.

42 (d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officers
 43 without member districts or wards.

1 Sec. 40. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
2 2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the ~~first~~
3 ~~Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by~~
4 ~~charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12,~~
5 ~~section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of~~
6 ~~city officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers~~
7 ~~shall be two (2) years: Provided, however, That the provisions of this~~
8 ~~section shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter~~
9 ~~ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than~~
10 ~~one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000)~~
11 ~~located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand~~
12 ~~(50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance~~
13 ~~had become effective prior to April 30, 1968 Tuesday following the first~~
14 ~~Monday in November of odd-numbered years.~~

15 (b) *A primary may be held on the first Tuesday in August of each*
16 *odd-numbered year as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments*
17 *thereto, and as provided in K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.*

18 Sec. 41. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as
19 follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on
20 the *first Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of*
21 *every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided*
22 *in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each odd-*
23 *numbered year.*

24 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there
25 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the
26 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary
27 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates
28 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the
29 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there
30 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall
31 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed
32 on the ballots in the general election.

33 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in
34 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there
35 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there
36 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of
37 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest
38 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the
39 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of
40 candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary
41 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in
42 the general election.

43 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names

1 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates
2 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office
3 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The
4 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name
5 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote
6 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary
7 city election ballots.

8 Sec. 42. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
9 2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be ~~12:00 o'clock noon~~
10 ~~of the Tuesday preceding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at 12~~
11 ~~noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

12 Sec. 43. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as
13 follows: 25-2110. (a) ~~In cities of the first and second class, any person~~
14 ~~desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file~~
15 ~~with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy~~
16 ~~on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the~~
17 ~~secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing~~
18 ~~under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the~~
19 ~~filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the~~
20 ~~county election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to~~
21 ~~become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county~~
22 ~~election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the county~~
23 ~~in which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into~~
24 ~~more than one county, or the city clerk, before the filing deadline,~~
25 ~~established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a~~
26 ~~declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election~~
27 ~~officer as specified by the secretary of state.~~

28 (b) ~~In cities having a population of less than 5,000, each such filing~~
29 ~~shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$5 or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a~~
30 ~~petition signed by 25 qualified electors of the city or by a number of such~~
31 ~~qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots cast~~
32 ~~at the last general city election, whichever is less.~~

33 (c) ~~In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than~~
34 ~~100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 or, in~~
35 ~~lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the~~
36 ~~city or by a number of such qualified electors of the city equal to not less~~
37 ~~than 1% of the ballots cast and counted at the last general city election,~~
38 ~~whichever is less.~~

39 (d) ~~In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such~~
40 ~~filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50; or, in lieu of such filing~~
41 ~~fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a~~
42 ~~number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots cast at~~
43 ~~the last general city election, whichever is less~~ *The number of qualified*

1 *electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition, shall be*
2 *established by the city governing body by passage of an ordinance.*

3 ~~(e)~~ (c) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination
4 petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for a city office
5 elected at large, the county election officer shall determine the validity of
6 such petition or declaration.

7 ~~(f)~~ (d) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid,
8 the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the
9 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or
10 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding.
11 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the
12 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and
13 amendments thereto.

14 ~~(g)~~ (e) All city elections shall be conducted by the county election
15 officer of the county in which such city is located, or of the county in
16 which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into
17 more than one county.

18 Sec. 44. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
19 2113. ~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,~~ City elections
20 shall be nonpartisan or partisan as determined by the governing body and
21 shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes
22 Annotated, and amendments thereto. Laws applicable to elections
23 occurring at the same time as city elections shall apply to city elections
24 to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

25 ~~(b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the~~
26 ~~first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized~~
27 ~~by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a~~
28 ~~general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not~~
29 ~~in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to~~
30 ~~election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies,~~
31 ~~shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b).~~
32 ~~The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot~~
33 ~~labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall~~
34 ~~make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as~~
35 ~~may be necessary for the conduct of such elections:~~

36 Sec. 45. K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
37 2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general
38 city elections in cities of the first and second class shall be listed in the
39 various possible orders in rotation as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and
40 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-610, and amendments thereto.

41 Sec. 46. K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
42 2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall
43 promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election

1 results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall
2 commence ~~with and include the first regular meeting of the governing~~
3 ~~body on the second Monday in January~~ following certification of the
4 election.

5 Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon
6 the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as
7 specified in K.S.A. 54-106, *and amendments thereto*, and every such oath
8 or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.

9 Sec. 47. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as
10 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the
11 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the
12 following:

13 (1) Days when the main offices of the county government are closed
14 for business, except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer
15 under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

16 (2) days when the main offices of the city government are closed for
17 business, in the case of deputy county election officers who are city clerks
18 except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer under the
19 provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

20 (3) the 20 days preceding the day of primary and general ~~state~~
21 elections;

22 ~~(4) the 20 days preceding the day of primary city and school~~
23 ~~elections, if either has a primary;~~

24 ~~(5) the 20 days preceding each first Tuesday in April of odd-~~
25 ~~numbered years, being the day of city and school general elections;~~

26 ~~(6) (4) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one~~
27 ~~specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and~~

28 ~~(7) (5) the day of any primary or general election or any question~~
29 ~~submitted election.~~

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

33 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of
34 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general
35 ~~state, city and school~~ elections. The days so specified by the secretary of
36 state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of
37 state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general ~~state,~~
38 ~~city and school~~ election.

39 (d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by
40 the secretary of state under subsection (c) ~~of this section~~, county election
41 officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business
42 hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon
43 such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three

1 business days before closing of registration books prior to ~~state~~ primary
 2 and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration
 3 of voters until 9 p.m. in ~~cities of the first and second class~~ *any city*.

4 (e) County election officers shall accept and process applications
 5 received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles
 6 not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter
 7 registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21st day
 8 preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or
 9 missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the
 10 day of any election.

11 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting
 12 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration
 13 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed, and days when it is
 14 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or
 15 closed.

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

22 Sec. 48. K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
 23 2502. (a) "General election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the
 24 Tuesday ~~succeeding~~ *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-
 25 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, ~~the elections held for officers on the~~
 26 ~~first Tuesday in April~~, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
 27 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

28 (b) "Primary election" means the ~~election~~ *elections* held on the first
 29 Tuesday in August of *both even-numbered and odd-numbered* years, ~~the~~
 30 ~~election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in~~
 31 ~~April~~, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates
 32 for special election to any national, state, county, township, city ~~or~~, school
 33 *or other municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but
 34 at which no officer is finally elected.

35 Sec. 49. K.S.A. 25-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
 36 2804. (a) Each person recommended as provided in ~~subsection (a) of~~
 37 K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area
 38 served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

39 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and
 40 clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which
 41 they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other
 42 than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to
 43 be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint

1 persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or
2 clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an
3 elector *and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher,*
4 *counselor or administrator.* No more than ~~one person~~ *two persons* under
5 the age of 18 may be appointed to each election board.

6 (c) The county election officer may establish a pool of trained judges
7 and clerks who shall be recommended by the county chairpersons
8 specified in ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto.
9 Judges and clerks in such pool may serve at voting places other than their
10 own if:

11 (1) The chairpersons specified in ~~subsection (a) of~~ K.S.A. 25-
12 2803(a), and amendments thereto, or either of them, have failed to make
13 appropriate recommendations;

14 (2) it is impossible to obtain judges and clerks for a voting place in
15 any other way; or

16 (3) voting machines are used, in which case the third judge, who shall
17 be trained in the use of voting machines, need not necessarily live in the
18 area of the voting place.

19 (d) Any judge or clerk serving in a voting place not located in the
20 area in which such judge or clerk resides or serving on a special election
21 board established under ~~subsection (e) of~~ K.S.A. 25-1133(c), and
22 amendments thereto, shall be allowed to vote an advance voting ballot in
23 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-1119, and amendments
24 thereto, or shall be excused from duties as such judge or clerk to vote at
25 the voting place in the area where such judge or clerk resides.

26 Sec. 50. K.S.A. 25-2901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
27 2901. When a voter receives a ballot, or set of ballots, such voter shall go
28 promptly and directly to one of the voting booths and mark the ballots
29 therein. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth already occupied by
30 another voter. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth more than ~~five~~
31 *10* minutes if other voters are waiting to occupy the same. The voter shall
32 mark the ballot by making a cross or check mark in the voting squares at
33 the left of the names of candidates.

34 Sec. 51. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
35 3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
36 and such occurrence is not more than ~~ninety (90)~~ *90* days and not less than
37 ~~thirty (30)~~ *30* days before any primary election ~~of state officers,~~
38 the election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the
39 primary election ~~of state officers.~~

40 (b) ~~In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and~~
41 ~~such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty~~
42 ~~(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school~~
43 ~~officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in~~

1 ~~this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as~~
2 ~~such primary or general election.~~

3 (e) (b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
4 and such occurrence is not more than ~~thirty (30)~~ 30 days before any
5 primary election ~~of state officers~~ and before the general election ~~of state~~
6 ~~officers~~, at such general election votes cast for the office ~~of congressman~~
7 *for members of congress* in the district in which such vacancy has occurred
8 shall be deemed to be cast to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as
9 well as for the election for the next regular term. The governor shall
10 proclaim the date of the election to be the same as the general election ~~of~~
11 ~~state officers.~~

12 (d) (c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
13 on or after the date of any general election ~~of state officers~~ and before the
14 term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the
15 office ~~of congressman~~ *for members of congress* in the district in which
16 such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy
17 for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term.
18 The governor's approval of this act shall be deemed to proclaim that every
19 regular election of a representative to the United States congress shall be
20 an election for the unexpired term if any should occur, as well as election
21 for the next regular term. In cases to which subsection ~~(e) of this section~~
22 (b) or this subsection applies, the person elected for the next regular term
23 shall be deemed to have been elected for the balance of the unexpired term
24 also.

25 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as
26 follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election *held in August of a*
27 *presidential election year*, the members of the party residing in each
28 precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as
29 precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct
30 committeewoman *to serve four-year terms*. No person shall be eligible to
31 be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct
32 committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually
33 lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all
34 other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party
35 on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.
36 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office
37 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by
38 appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which
39 occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall
40 not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its
41 chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinct
42 committeemen and committeewomen, the county chairperson making the
43 appointments shall notify the county election officer of such appointments.

1 The county election officer shall make such appointments public
2 immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act, "primary election"
3 means the statewide *presidential* election held in August of even-
4 numbered years.

5 (b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of
6 Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*, to fill a vacancy, no
7 appointments shall be made under subsection (a): (1) After the county
8 chairperson has received notice from the county election officer of a
9 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected office; or (2) after the
10 county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which, is located within
11 a legislative district has received notice from the secretary of state of a
12 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office.

13 After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention
14 held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and*
15 *amendments thereto*, any vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman
16 or committeewoman shall be filled as provided by subsection (a).

17 Sec. 53. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of
19 directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote
20 as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) and residents of a county in which the
21 district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in
22 which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members
23 shall hold office for a period of ~~three~~ *two or four years, such term of office*
24 *being established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution*, and
25 each shall serve until a successor has been elected and qualified. The
26 members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an
27 irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular
28 election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of
29 this section except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided
30 in subsection (e) of this section.

31 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the
32 incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the
33 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted
34 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of
35 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief
36 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating
37 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as
38 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or
39 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed
40 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places
41 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more
42 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the
43 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of

1 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district
2 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute
3 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members
4 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,
5 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the
6 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place
7 of any absent member.

8 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres
9 which was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish
10 three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and
11 designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall
12 also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting
13 area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director
14 shall be elected ~~from each voting area and the person receiving the highest~~
15 ~~number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving~~
16 ~~the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and~~
17 ~~the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a~~
18 ~~term of one year. At each subsequent election, only one director shall be~~
19 ~~elected each year for a term of three years. Any director elected under this~~
20 ~~provision must be a person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h)~~
21 *for the term length established by the board.*

22 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be
23 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except
24 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11
25 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,
26 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of
27 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection ~~(h)~~ (g). The
28 forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120,
29 and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as
30 provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified
31 to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within
32 the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to
33 canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of
34 the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the
35 irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such
36 election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such
37 elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the
38 county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the
39 population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer
40 shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving
41 the highest number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first
42 election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county
43 in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is

1 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of
2 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three
3 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each
4 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer
5 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a
6 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon
7 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by
8 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor
9 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board
10 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000 which oath
11 and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in
12 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
13 located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district
14 a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount,
15 as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as
16 treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the
17 treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval
18 of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval
19 thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and
20 shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the
21 registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and
22 filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond,
23 the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced
24 thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to
25 include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall
26 be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied
27 by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to
28 prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in
29 subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety
30 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid
31 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director
32 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the
33 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve
34 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed
35 to fill.

36 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the
37 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of
38 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail
39 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to
40 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.
41 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of
42 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall
43 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration

1 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

2 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be
3 held the ~~first Tuesday in March except as provided by subsection (g)~~
4 *Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.*
5 Any districts organized after the regular ~~March~~ election shall hold its
6 election at the next regular ~~March~~ election following incorporation of the
7 district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person
8 receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of ~~three~~ *four*
9 years, the ~~person~~ *persons* receiving the second *and third* highest number of
10 votes shall serve for a term of two years, ~~and the person receiving the third~~
11 ~~highest number of votes shall serve for a term of one year.~~ In case the first
12 election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and
13 the day preceding the ~~first Tuesday in March following the first Monday in~~
14 *November* of the next succeeding *odd-numbered* year, the next regular
15 ~~March~~ election shall be held in the second succeeding *odd-numbered* year.
16 At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall be elected
17 each year for a term of ~~three~~ *four* years. ~~All persons desiring to be voted~~
18 ~~upon as directors shall at least 30 days before the day of holding of the~~
19 ~~elections, file such person's name with the county election officer of the~~
20 ~~county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation~~
21 ~~district is located, affixed to a statement that such person desires such~~
22 ~~person's name to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for member of~~
23 ~~board of directors of the district in such election~~ *Any person desiring to be*
24 *a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's*
25 *declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in*
26 *which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located.*
27 *Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in section 6,*
28 *and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.* The
29 county election officer shall ~~make up the ticket, at expense of the irrigation~~
30 ~~district~~ *prepare the ballot*, and place the names thereon in alphabetical
31 order and shall supply election officials with necessary ballots and polling
32 books at the irrigation district's expense. ~~At least five days before any~~
33 ~~election held subsequent to first election of directors, the boards of~~
34 ~~directors shall name and appoint three persons for each voting place, who~~
35 ~~shall be qualified electors in the district.~~ At least five days before any
36 election, the county clerks of the various counties within which a portion
37 of the district is located, shall cause to be ascertained the names of all
38 persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ *(g)* and shall furnish
39 lists thereof to each election board within such county and to the secretary
40 of the board of directors of the district. Notice of the time and places of
41 holding of the election, ~~signed by the president and attested by the~~
42 ~~secretary of the district shall be given in some newspaper or newspapers~~
43 *general election, shall be published by the county election officer in a*

1 *newspaper* of general circulation in the district ~~for one issue at least five~~
2 ~~days prior to date of the election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and~~
3 ~~amendments thereto.~~ The ~~return~~ results of all special or bond elections
4 shall be made *available* to the secretary of the district, ~~and canvassed by~~
5 ~~the board of directors.~~ All expenses of election, not otherwise provided for
6 herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of the irrigation district.
7 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under
8 general election laws.

9 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section
10 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general
11 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of
12 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons
13 entitled to vote as provided in subsection ~~(h)~~ (g) for the purpose of electing
14 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March,
15 ~~except as provided by subsection (g).~~ Notice of the time and place of
16 holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or
17 newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30
18 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be
19 by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) of this
20 section. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30
21 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name
22 with the secretary of the board of directors of the district, affixed to a
23 statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the
24 ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The
25 board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the
26 district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes
27 are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass
28 the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in
29 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
30 located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of
31 this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall
32 apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting.

33 ~~(g) In any case where the time for any regular election of directors as~~
34 ~~described in subsection (e), or the election as described in subsection (f), is~~
35 ~~the same for any two districts having the same district manager, such~~
36 ~~election shall be held on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in~~
37 ~~March by the district organized latest in time.~~

38 (h) (g) Until such time as assessments are made in the district
39 pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled
40 to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as
41 such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who
42 are otherwise qualified electors.

43 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-

1 715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be
2 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is
3 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been
4 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are
5 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to
6 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area
7 shall vote in the voting area which includes the greatest portion of such
8 person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" shall
9 include a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a
10 person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation,
11 association or partnership which is the legal qualified owner of irrigable
12 land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust,
13 corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The
14 person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not
15 otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

16 Sec. 54. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
17 1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may
18 be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period
19 beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ *November* of each odd-
20 numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in ~~December~~ *June* of each
21 even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner
22 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of
23 election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next
24 following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in
25 the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not
26 shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time the change
27 is made.

28 Sec. 55. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
29 1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college shall
30 be elected for a four-year term commencing on the ~~July 1~~ *second Monday*
31 *in January* following election. Members shall serve until their successors
32 are elected or appointed and qualified.

33 Sec. 56. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
34 1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted
35 by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of
36 the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than
37 one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate
38 with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is
39 located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding
40 territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, in
41 accordance with this section, shall specify the county in which the main
42 campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General
43 community college elections shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ of

1 ~~each odd-numbered year~~ following the first Monday in November of each
 2 ~~odd-numbered year.~~

3 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the
 4 ~~Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd-~~
 5 ~~numbered years~~ first Tuesday of August of each odd-numbered year in
 6 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

7 (c) Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general
 8 election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper
 9 published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and
 10 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

11 Sec. 57. K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
 12 1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in
 13 effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a
 14 community college by any one of the following methods:

15 (A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition
 16 to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such
 17 person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a
 18 petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors
 19 residing in such person's member district.

20 (B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become
 21 a candidate for member from the member district in which such person
 22 resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such
 23 a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20.

24 (C) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member
 25 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district
 26 may petition to be a candidate for the at-large member position. Any such
 27 person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such
 28 candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such college
 29 district.

30 (D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member
 31 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district
 32 may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with
 33 the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate,
 34 and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of ~~\$\$~~ \$20.

35 (2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection
 36 must specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

37 (b) In college districts where the election-at-large method of election
 38 is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a
 39 community college by either one of the following methods:

40 (1) Any person who is an elector of the college district may petition
 41 to be a candidate for trustee. Any such person shall file with the election
 42 officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50
 43 electors residing in the college district.

1 (2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a
 2 candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of
 3 intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the
 4 amount of ~~\$5~~ \$20.

5 (c) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section must
 6 be filed on or before ~~12 o'clock~~ 12 noon on the ~~Tuesday which precedes by~~
 7 ~~10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any odd-numbered year. No such~~
 8 ~~petition or declaration shall be filed sooner than the second Tuesday of the~~
 9 ~~December which next precedes the community college election June 1 of~~
 10 ~~each odd-numbered year as provided in section 6, and amendments~~
 11 ~~thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

12 Sec. 58. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
 13 1419. ~~(a)~~The election of trustees of community colleges shall be
 14 nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply
 15 in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is
 16 a crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.

17 ~~(b)~~ Except as is provided in ~~(a)~~ above, laws applicable to local
 18 elections, including voter registration laws, occurring at the same time as
 19 election of trustees shall apply to the election of trustees to the extent that
 20 the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. The provisions
 21 of this subsection ~~(b)~~ shall not apply to election notices.

22 ~~(e)~~ Ballots for election of trustees shall be canvassed by the members
 23 of election boards canvassing ballots in other local elections insofar as is
 24 practicable, and where it is not practicable, the county election officer shall
 25 provide for such canvass by other appropriate means.

26 Sec. 59. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 72-
 27 8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school
 28 district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during
 29 the period beginning on the first Wednesday in ~~April~~ November of each
 30 ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in
 31 ~~December~~ June of each ~~even-numbered~~ odd-numbered year, if such
 32 change is also approved in a manner authorized in this act before the end
 33 of such period. The new method of election and voting plan in such school
 34 district shall be followed in the election of members next following such
 35 change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner
 36 provided in this act. Change of method of election or voting plan shall not
 37 shorten the term of any member serving on the board at the time the
 38 change is made, and the county election officer shall not submit to election
 39 any plan of change which violates this prohibition.

40 Sec. 60. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
 41 2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four
 42 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members
 43 of boards. The four methods are:

1 (1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of
2 the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board
3 which are to expire in such year.

4 (2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the
5 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
6 hospital.

7 (3) (A) Elections of board members for ~~three-year~~ *four-year* terms
8 shall be held on the ~~first Tuesday in April~~ *following the first Monday in*
9 *November of odd-numbered years* of each year for the positions on the
10 board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each
11 board member shall take office on the ~~May 1~~ *second Monday in January*
12 following the date of election.

13 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member
14 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the
15 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
16 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the
17 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,
18 either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a
19 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a
20 filing fee in the amount of ~~\$10~~ *\$20*.

21 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph
22 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that
23 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election
24 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective
25 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall
26 certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county
27 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were
28 prepared.

29 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is
30 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of
31 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
32 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
33 qualified to vote.

34 ~~(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the~~
35 ~~laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of~~
36 ~~members of the board.~~

37 (4) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held
38 on the ~~first Tuesday~~ *succeeding the first Monday in* ~~April~~ *November* of
39 each *odd-numbered* year for the positions on the board which are to expire
40 in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take
41 office on the ~~May 1~~ *following the date of election* *second Monday in*
42 *January*.

43 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member

1 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the
2 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
3 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the
4 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,
5 either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a
6 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a
7 filing fee in the amount of ~~\$10~~ \$20.

8 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph
9 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that
10 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election
11 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective
12 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall
13 certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county
14 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were
15 prepared.

16 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is
17 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of
18 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
19 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
20 qualified to vote.

21 ~~(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the~~
22 ~~laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of~~
23 ~~members of the board.~~

24 (b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital
25 is the method provided for in ~~provision (1) or provision (2)~~ of subsection
26 (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method
27 provided for in ~~provision (3) or provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)(3) or (4) by
28 majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof.
29 Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the
30 method provided for in ~~provision (3) or provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)(3)
31 or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the
32 change of method of selection shall expire on May 1 of the year in which
33 the term of such member is to expire, except that for the purpose of
34 electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other
35 purposes, the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed
36 one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the
37 board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the
38 length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four
39 years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected
40 pursuant to ~~provision (3)~~ of subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may
41 be changed to the method provided for in ~~provision (4)~~ of subsection (a)
42 (4) by a majority vote of the board members.

43 Sec. 61. K.S.A. 2-623, 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-

1 1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-
2 1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-
3 1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015,
4 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-
5 1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031,
6 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-
7 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037, 12-
8 1038, 13-1221, 19-2760, 19-2762, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-
9 209, 25-210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-
10 2014, 25-2017, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113,
11 25-2115, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-2901, 25-3503, 71-1408, 71-
12 1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1417, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-2508 and
13 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-
14 213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-
15 2311, 25-3801 and 42-706 are hereby repealed.

16 Sec. 62. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
17 publication in the statute book.