

SENATE BILL No. 208

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots;
2 restricting the number of remote ballot boxes that may be used for the
3 return of such ballots; providing monitoring requirements for the use of
4 such ballot boxes.

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

7 Section 1. (a) A county election office shall only use remote ballot
8 boxes in accordance with this section. A county election office may
9 designate and use not more than one remote ballot box for each election.
10 Such remote ballot box shall be located inside the county election office.

11 (b) While open and accessible for the deposit of advance voting
12 ballots, each remote ballot box used in an election shall be continuously
13 observed by two individuals who are each affiliated with a recognized
14 political party, but who are not affiliated with the same political party. All
15 remote ballot boxes shall be closed and shall not be accessible for the
16 deposit of advance voting ballots when the county election office is closed.
17 All remote ballot boxes shall be closed, locked and shall not be accessible
18 for the deposit of advance voting ballots after 7:00 p.m. on the date of the
19 election, except that any voter who is waiting to deposit an advance voting
20 ballot in a remote ballot box at 7:00 p.m. shall be permitted to deposit such
21 ballot.

22 (c) Each remote ballot box shall have a sign conspicuously posted
23 near the opening for depositing an advance voting ballot stating the
24 requirements for and the statutory limit on the number of advance voting
25 ballots that may be transmitted by a person other than the voter under
26 K.S.A. 25-2437, and amendments thereto, and the penalty for violations
27 thereof. Such signage shall be in compliance with any rules and
28 regulations adopted by the secretary of state.

29 (d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations necessary
30 to implement and enforce the provisions of this section, including, but not
31 limited to, rules and regulations requiring that advance voting ballots
32 returned using a remote ballot box shall be preserved separately from all
33 other ballots collected by a county election office.

34 (e) As used in this section, "remote ballot box" means any form of a
35 locked ballot box designated by the county election officer as available for
36 use for depositing advance voting ballots. "Remote ballot box" does not

- 1 include any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite
- 2 advance voting site.
- 3 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 4 publication in the statute book.