

SENATE BILL No. 420

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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9 AN ACT concerning county extension councils; pertaining to the date of
10 election of the governing body; amending K.S.A. 2-624 and repealing
11 the existing section.
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-624.

15 (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be composed of
16 four representatives from each county included in the extension district.
17 At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to mem-
18 bership on the governing body of the district, the four members repre-
19 senting each county in an extension district shall be elected in a county-
20 wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

21 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to
22 membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the
23 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such
24 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office
25 shall commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the
26 member elected and shall continue until the member's successor is
27 elected and qualified.

28 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election to elect
29 successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring
30 shall be held on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year.

31 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an exten-
32 sion district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascer-
33 tained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except
34 as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than 12:00 noon of the
35 ~~Wednesday next following the Tuesday, five~~ *Tuesday, 10* weeks preceding
36 the first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years, each person desiring
37 to be a candidate for membership on the governing body, in any election,
38 shall file a declaration of candidacy with the county election officer of the
39 county represented by the member of the governing body whose succes-
40 sor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. The county election
41 officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon shall
42 place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order.

43 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension

1 district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections
2 and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election
3 officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the
4 district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the
5 judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each elec-
6 tion, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper
7 published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office
8 of the governing body at least five days before the holding thereof.

9 (4) All election expenses shall be paid by the extension district. Elec-
10 tion officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under the
11 general election laws.

12 (e) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an ex-
13 tension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for
14 the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a res-
15 ident of the county which was represented by the member creating the
16 vacancy.

17 (f) The governing body of each extension district shall organize an-
18 nually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-
19 chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

20 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby repealed.

21 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
22 publication in the statute book.