

# Journal of the Senate

TWENTY-SECOND DAY

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SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS  
Wednesday, February 11, 2026, 2:30 p.m.

The Senate was called to order by President Ty Masterson.  
The roll was called with 40 senators present.  
Invocation by guest chaplain, Doug Henkle:

Loving Heavenly Father, thank You so much for each senator here. Thank You for deeply loving each one more than we could ever imagine.

Father, I acknowledge that You are sovereign and that You have brought every individual member of this body together for Your specific purpose and glory. Thank You that You have a particular role for each senator to play. And thank You that You have provided each member with the resources required to accomplish Your perfect plan in the Kansas Senate. Your perfect will, will be accomplished because of or in spite of each one of us. Father, I pray that it will be because of.

Thank You for all You've done for us. You've blessed us with all we need, even today and in this chamber as the matters at hand are debated. In Your Word You guide us saying "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to You, Lord, and You will make our paths straight." Lord, we tend to trust ourselves rather than You, to rely on our own abilities and good intentions instead of Your sovereign goodness and loving care. Cause us to rely on You!

Often, we tend to allow others and our concern for their response to cause us to miss the mark. Jesus, I thank You that You can be our standard, that You can be the mark toward which we strive. Please remind us today that this is the day that You have made. Cause us to rejoice and be glad in it. In Jesus' Name Amen!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were introduced and read by title:

**SB 504**, AN ACT concerning healthcare practices and professions; enacting the Kansas healthcare professional employment mobility and patient access act; prohibiting noncompete agreements restricting post-employment patient care, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 505**, AN ACT concerning consumer protection; relating to entertainment ticket sales; prohibiting certain conduct in connection with the sale or resale of tickets; providing that violation of such requirements is a deceptive act or practice subject to penalties pursuant to the Kansas consumer protection act, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

**SB 506**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to crimes against the public safety; increasing the criminal penalty for criminal use of weapons on a second or subsequent adjudication; modifying the penalties for criminal possession of a weapon by a convicted felon and the length of the ban on possessing a weapon; amending K.S.A. 21-6301 and 21-6304 and repealing the existing sections, by Committee on Federal and State Affairs.

#### REFERENCE OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills were referred to Committees as indicated:

Federal and State Affairs: **SB 502**, **SB 503**; **HB 2438**.

Judiciary: **SB 501**.

Local Government, Transparency and Ethics: **HB 2433**.

Transportation: **HB 2467**, **HB 2542**.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing passage of **HB 2243**, **HB 2466**, **HB 2478**, **HB 2487**, **HB 2533**, **HB 2534**.

#### INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**HB 2243**, **HB 2466**, **HB 2478**, **HB 2487**, **HB 2533**, **HB 2534** were thereupon introduced and read by title.

#### CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENTS

*By the Governor*

On the appointment to the:

*State Board of Regents:*

Peter Johnston, Term ends June 30, 2029

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The appointment was confirmed.

*By the Governor*

On the appointment to the:

*Office of Early Childhood:*

Christi Smith, At the pleasure of the governor

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 21; Nays 19; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Argabright, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Klemp, Masterson, Miller, Owens, Petersen, Pettey, Ryckman, Schmidt, Sykes.

Nays: Alley, Billinger, Bowser, Claeys, Erickson, Gossage, Hill, Kloos, Murphy, Peck, Rose, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The appointment was confirmed.

**CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS**

On motion of Senator Blasi an emergency was declared by a 2/3 constitutional majority, and **SB 344, SB 355, SB 387, SB 434, SB 435** were advanced to Final Action and roll call.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole, for consideration of bills on the calendar under the heading of General Orders with Senator Warren in the chair.

On motion of Senator Warren the following summary report was adopted:

**SB 435** be passed.

**SB 344** be passed as amended by the adoption of the committee report.

**SB 355, SB 387, SB 434** be passed as amended by the adoption of the committee reports and as amended by Committee of the Whole.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ACTIONS**

**SB 344** be amended by adoption of the committee amendments.

**SB 355** be amended by adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Claeys; on page 2, in line 1, by striking "\$500" and inserting "\$2,500"

**SB 387** be amended by adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Shane; on page 1, in line 18, before "based" by inserting "through direct certification or"; in line 23, after "not" by inserting "qualify through direct certification or"

A motion by Senator Holscher to amend **SB 387** failed and the following amendment was rejected; on page 1, in line 10, by striking "For"; by striking all in lines 11 through 29; in line 30, by striking "(b)";

On page 2, in line 5, by striking "(c)" and inserting "(b)"; also in line 5, by striking "(d)" and inserting "(c)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "requiring"; by striking all in lines 2 and 3; in line 4, by striking all before "authorizing"

Upon the showing of five hands a roll call vote was requested.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 9; Nays 31; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Corson, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Miller, Pettey, Schmidt, Sykes.

Nays: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Hill, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Two motions by Senator Claeys to further amend **SB 387** failed.

An amendment was offered by Senator Schmidt on **SB 387**. A ruling of the Chair was requested as to the germaneness of the amendment. The Chair of the Rules Committee ruled the amendment germane. The amendment was rejected.

**SB 434** be amended by adoption of the committee amendments, be further amended by motion of Senator Clifford; on page 1, in line 15, by striking "in" and inserting "or a general discharge under honorable conditions from"

**SB 435** be passed.

#### FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

**SB 300**, AN ACT concerning financial institutions; relating to the technology-enabled fiduciary financial institutions act; prohibiting the office of the state bank commissioner or any other state agency from becoming a receiver for a technology-enabled fiduciary financial institution that becomes insolvent or declares bankruptcy; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 9-2301 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

**SB 331**, AN ACT repealing K.S.A. 52-717; relating to the payment of negotiable instruments on Saturday afternoons or holidays, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

**SB 358**, AN ACT concerning crimes, punishment and criminal procedure; relating to release of persons after conviction; requiring persons convicted of certain felonies to be held without bond in the county jail until sentencing; amending K.S.A. 22-2804 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

**SB 364**, AN ACT concerning wildlife; relating to hunting and fishing licenses; requiring the department of wildlife and parks to offer a discounted resident senior combination hunting and fishing license to residents of Kansas who are 65 years of age or older; increasing the maximum age to qualify for the Kansas kids lifetime combination hunting and fishing license; decreasing the maximum fee and removing the

expiration of such license; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 32-9,101 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 367**, AN ACT concerning motor vehicles; providing cities the authority to allow the driving of golf carts upon sidewalks; amending K.S.A. 8-1575 and repealing the existing section, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

**SB 396**, AN ACT concerning cemeteries; authorizing the reorganization of the Clearwater cemetery district; removing Ohio township from the district, was considered on final action.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### **EMERGENCY FINAL ACTION ON BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS**

**SB 344**, AN ACT concerning animals; relating to the pet animal act; authorizing animal shelters to move neonate animals needing treatment or care to a foster home; requiring shelters to display photographs of animals at a location other than the shelter during a holding period; requiring records of inspections to be maintained by the department of agriculture division of animal health for not less than five years; amending K.S.A. 47-1709 and 47-1710 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 355**, AN ACT concerning cigarettes, electronic cigarettes and tobacco products; regulating the manufacture, wholesale and distribution of electronic cigarettes; requiring all wholesales of cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and roll-your-own tobacco to be transacted between licensees under the Kansas cigarette and tobacco product act; requiring the licensure of electronic cigarette manufacturers; prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes marketed to minors; amending K.S.A. 79-3301, 79-3302, 79-3333, 79-3334 and 79-3373 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3321 and repealing the existing sections.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 387**, AN ACT concerning education; relating to school districts; requiring school districts to verify the household gross earned income of each student who is deemed an at-risk student; authorizing the state department of education to reimburse school districts for the cost of reduced-price meals; requiring legislative authorization to receive special assistance payments under federal law.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 22; Nays 18; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Blasi, Claeys, Erickson, Fagg, Gossage, Hill, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Rose, Shallenburger, Shane, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

Nays: Argabright, Billinger, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Haley, Holscher, Miller, Pettey, Ryckman, Schmidt, Starnes, Sykes.

The bill passed, as amended.

#### EXPLANATION OF VOTE

**SB 387** is threaded with the Federal Food program. Verification of household income is dependent upon information presented by parents/guardians to the school buildings. This information is difficult for many parents to present, as many in rural settings do not want to share personal information in a public setting. Seeking additional layers of personal information will be a challenge with our prideful constituents. If a different tool or instrument is desired by the legislative body, I would entertain the discussion. Adding another layer of government requirements, required time to school districts, and personal information of parents, is not the answer. I oppose this bill.—MIKE ARGABRIGHT

I vote NO on **SB 387** because of the outsized impact it will have on my rural school districts. Federal law allows use of the community eligibility program to determine eligibility, and we should abide. Additionally, the fiscal note underestimates the full cost of individual determination that would be required of often resource stressed rural school districts.—WILLIAM CLIFFORD

Senator Bowers, Bowser, Dietrich and Ryckman request the record to show they concur with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Clifford on **SB 387**.

I vote "NO" on **SB 387**. One of the most effective uses of taxpayer dollars is to ensure that all children have enough to eat so they can grow, learn, and thrive. This bill adds administrative costs for our school districts and may reduce the at-risk funding they receive. The amendment that would make reduced price lunches free could have helped districts feed more children. The amendment to create a verification reimbursement fund would have helped cover the additional administrative costs. I support working to identify a better proxy for identifying at-risk students. This bill fails at that since it is only verifying income.—MARCI FRANCISCO

I vote no. After conducting 60 town halls across the state over the past few months, I have heard loud and clear from the people of Kansas that they need relief from property taxes, relief from high prices, and desperately need access to affordable healthcare, housing and childcare. If you're keeping track, at this point, this body has adopted no such bills to address those affordability issues. Conversely, **SB 387** is a waste of taxpayer money – estimated to the tune of \$18.5 million and 192 FTEs in FY 2027 alone along with potential court cases. This cost will hurt our schools and make property tax relief more unattainable. This bill grows government in one of the most inefficient ways while hurting our most vulnerable children who are hungry. I await the time we actually handle bills in this chamber that help our families with the affordability crisis being faced across the state.—CINDY HOLSCHER

I support verifying income for possible misuse. However, I promised to fully fund education and if the possible dollars found in this audit be placed in Special Education, I would support this bill.—BRAD STARNES

Adding legislative red tape to schools trying to feed its students will not keep our kids fed. This bill grows the government, requires more taxpayer dollars, and puts our federal funding at risk. I vote NO on **SB 387**.—DINAH SYKES

Senator Pettey requests the record to show she concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Sykes on **SB 387**.

**SB 434**, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to veterans and military; providing for a new determination of disability for the purposes of certain retailer's sales tax exemptions; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 79-3606h and repealing the existing section.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed, as amended.

**SB 435**, AN ACT concerning retirement and pensions; relating to the Kansas public employees retirement system and systems thereunder; authorizing the board of trustees to elect the vice chairperson of the board; requiring newly affiliated employers of the Kansas police and firemen's retirement system to contribute at the actuarial required

rate for past and future service; repealing certain working after retirement statutes for state and local elected officials; amending K.S.A. 74-4967 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 74-4905 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 74-4915b and 74-4915c.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 40; Nays 0; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Argabright, Billinger, Blasi, Blew, Bowers, Bowser, Claeys, Clifford, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust Goudeau, Francisco, Gossage, Haley, Hill, Holscher, Klemp, Kloos, Masterson, Miller, Murphy, Owens, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Rose, Ryckman, Schmidt, Shallenburger, Shane, Starnes, Sykes, Thomas, Thompson, Titus, Tyson, Warren.

The bill passed.

#### CHANGE OF REFERENCE

The President withdrew **SCR 1612** from the Committee on **Assessment and Taxation**, and rereferred the bill to the Committee on **Ways and Means**.

The President withdrew **SCR 1621** from the Committee on **Federal and State Affairs**, and referred the bill to the Committee on **Assessment and Taxation**.

#### REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on **Agriculture and Natural Resources** recommends **SB 390** be amended on page 1, in line 9, after "a" by inserting "reimbursable meal or a"; in line 16, by striking all after "(5)"; in line 17, by striking "(6)"; in line 18, before "red" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 19, before "red" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 20, before "yellow" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 21, before "yellow" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 22, before "blue" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 23, before "blue" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 24, before "green" by inserting "FD&C"; in line 28, after "(a)" by inserting "as part of a reimbursable meal or a free or reduced-price meal"; in line 29, after "(2)" by inserting "Beginning in school year 2028-2029, and each school year thereafter:

(A)";

Also on page 1, in line 34, by striking the period and inserting "; and"; in line 35, by striking "(3)" and inserting "(B)";

On page 2, in line 1, by striking "paragraph (2)" and inserting "subparagraph (A)";

And by redesignating subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs and clauses accordingly;

And the bill be passed as amended.

Also, **SB 473** be passed and, because the committee is of the opinion that the bill is of a noncontroversial nature, be placed on the consent calendar.

Committee on **Commerce** recommends **SB 335** be passed.

Committee on **Education** recommends **SB 341** be amended on page 2, in line 21, by striking all after the first "any"; in line 22, by striking all before "that" and inserting "negotiated agreement or term or condition of any negotiated agreement between a school district and such school district's faculty or any negotiated agreement or term or condition of any negotiated agreement between a postsecondary educational institution and such institution's faculty"; in line 23, after "Any" by inserting "negotiated"; following line 25, by inserting:

"(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to include any accredited independent institution as defined in K.S.A. 72-3222, and amendments thereto."; and

the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **SB 391** be passed.

Also, **SB 65** be amended on page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

"Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-432. (a) Except as otherwise provided, an election shall not be conducted under this act unless:

~~(a)~~(1) The secretary of state approves a written plan for conduct of the election, including, but not limited to, a written timetable for the conduct of the election, submitted by the county election officer;

~~(b)~~(2) the election is nonpartisan;

~~(c)~~(3) the election is not one at which any candidate is elected, retained or recalled;

~~(d)~~(4) the election is not held on the same date as another election in which the qualified electors of that subdivision of government are eligible to cast ballots, except this restriction shall not apply to mail ballot elections held under K.S.A. 79-2925c, and amendments thereto, or elections held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March; and

~~(e)~~(5) the election is a question submitted election and all of the qualified electors of one of the following subdivisions of government are the only electors eligible to vote on such question:

~~(1)~~(A) Counties;

~~(2)~~(B) cities;

~~(3)~~(C) school districts, except in an election held pursuant to K.S.A. 72-635 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(4)~~(D) townships;

~~(5)~~(E) benefit districts organized under K.S.A. 31-301, and amendments thereto;

~~(6)~~(F) cemetery districts organized under K.S.A. 15-1013 or 17-1330, and amendments thereto;

~~(7)~~(G) community college districts organized under K.S.A. 71-1101 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(8)~~(H) fire districts organized under K.S.A. 19-3601 or 80-1512, and amendments thereto;

~~(9)~~(I) hospital districts;

~~(10)~~(J) improvement districts organized under K.S.A. 19-2753, and amendments thereto;

~~(11)~~(K) Johnson county park and recreation district organized under K.S.A. 19-2859, and amendments thereto;

~~(12)~~(L) water districts organized under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto;

~~(13)~~(M) transportation development districts created pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,140 et seq., and amendments thereto; or

~~(14)~~(N) any tract of land annexed pursuant to K.S.A. 12-521, and amendments thereto.

(b) The election of irrigation district directors pursuant to K.S.A. 42-706, and amendments thereto, may be conducted by mail ballot in accordance with this act."

On page 2, in line 7, after "(c)" by inserting "Unless the board of directors adopts a resolution providing for mail ballot elections under subsection (d)(5),"; in line 12, by striking all after "area"; in line 13, by striking all before the period;

On page 3, in line 32, by striking "procedure" and inserting "resolution"; in line 33, by striking "Such"; by striking all in lines 34 and 35; in line 36, by striking all before the period and inserting "Any such resolution shall be submitted to the county election officer of each county containing territory of the district. The election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered or odd-numbered year as specified in such resolution. Not less than 90 days prior to the date of each such election, the county election officers of each county containing territory of the district shall jointly file a mail ballot election plan with the secretary of state. No person shall file as a candidate for a position on the board of directors of such district after 12:00 p.m. 10 weeks prior to the date of the election. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all elections held pursuant to this paragraph shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of this state and the mail ballot election act, K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and amendments thereto";

Also on page 3, in line 37, by striking "The"; by striking all in lines 38 and 39; in line 40, by striking all before "In";

On page 5, in line 40, by striking "is" and inserting "and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 are";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 5, after "and" by inserting "K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-432 and"; also in line 5, by striking "section" and inserting "sections"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 413** be passed.

Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 448** be passed.

On motion of Senator Blasi, the Senate adjourned until 2:30 p.m., Thursday, February 12, 2026.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

