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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Elections
From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office
Date: January 27, 2026
Subject: HB 2447—Summary

HB 2447 would amend current election laws to provide for a presidential preference primary election beginning in 2028 and every four years thereafter to change the special election date to coincide with the presidential preference primary election date, which would be the first Tuesday in March. The bill states that nothing in Article 45 of Chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated shall be construed to repeal, modify or otherwise supersede any provision of state law or any rules and regulations governing the conduct of an election held on the same date as a presidential preference primary election.

The bill would also amend voter registration procedures. Currently, registration of voters for a presidential preference primary election ends 30 days preceding the day of such election. The bill would remove this provision.

Currently, the County Board of Canvassers of each county must meet to canvass the votes no later than eight days after a presidential preference primary election is held. The bill would increase the number of days to thirteen. The bill would also require the Secretary of State to call a meeting of the State Board of Canvassers no later than 24 days following the presidential preference primary election.