

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Federal and State Affairs** recommends **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.

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Chairperson