

As Amended by House Committee

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**HOUSE BILL No. 2437**

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; authorizing  
2 the use of additional resources for verifying voter registration records;  
3 **requiring periodic comparisons with the federal systematic alien**  
4 **verification for entitlements (SAVE) database; removing individuals**  
5 **disqualified for voting from voter registration records; providing an**  
6 **open records exemption for certain information related to voter**  
7 **registration; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2316c and 25-2324 and**  
8 **repealing the existing section sections.**  
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10 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

11 **New Section 1. As used in this act:**

12 (a) "SAVE" means the systematic alien verification for  
13 entitlements database administered by the United States department  
14 of homeland security.

15 (b) "Statewide voter registration system" means the centralized  
16 electronic voter registration database maintained by the secretary of  
17 state.

18 (c) "Election official" means the secretary of state and any county  
19 election officials.

20 **New Sec. 2. (a) The secretary of state shall:**

21 (1) Conduct two checks each calendar year to compare the  
22 statewide voter registration system against SAVE;

23 (2) ensure that one check is completed not later than 180 days  
24 before a regularly scheduled federal general election; and

25 (3) transmit any potential noncitizen matches to the appropriate  
26 county election official for immediate review.

27 (b) Upon receipt of such information from the secretary of state,  
28 the county election officer shall:

29 (1) Notify the voter pursuant to the national voter registration act  
30 requirements before any voter registration cancellation occurs;

31 (2) place the voter in challenged or pending verification status  
32 until resolution;

33 (3) require confirmation of the identified voter's citizenship  
34 status; and

35 (4) remove from the voter rolls any individual who is confirmed

1 to be ineligible.

2 New Sec. 3. The secretary of state in conjunction with county  
3 election officials, shall submit an annual report on the outcomes of the  
4 periodic checks specified in section 2, and amendments thereto, to the  
5 house and senate committees on elections by January 31 of each year.  
6 Such report shall include:

7 (a) The number of records checked against SAVE during the  
8 prior year;

9 (b) the number of voters flagged as potential noncitizens;

10 (c) the number of voters ultimately removed from the statewide  
11 system as a result of the SAVE verification process; and

12 (d) any recommendations for statutory or administrative  
13 improvements to ensure voter roll accuracy.

14 New Sec. 4. All SAVE data and related voter information shall be  
15 processed in a secure environment consistent with state and federal  
16 data-protection standards. Personally identifiable information shall  
17 not be disclosed publicly, except as required by law.

18 New Sec. 5. If any provision of this act or its application is held  
19 invalid, the invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or  
20 applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid  
21 provision or application.

22 New Sec. 6. If at any time the SAVE system ceases to allow for  
23 batch uploads or provide database searches by driver's license  
24 number or social security number, the secretary of state shall publish  
25 a notice of such change in the Kansas register. Upon publication of  
26 such notice, the provisions of sections 1 through 5, and amendments  
27 thereto, shall have no force and effect.

28 Section 1. Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2316c is hereby amended to  
29 read as follows: 25-2316c. (a) When a registered voter changes name by  
30 marriage, divorce or legal proceeding, if the voter is otherwise qualified to  
31 vote at such voting place, the voter shall be allowed to vote a provisional  
32 ballot at any election, or apply for an advance voting ballot, on the  
33 condition that the voter first completes the application for registration  
34 prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto. Completion of the  
35 application shall authorize the county election officer to update the  
36 registration records, if appropriate, for voting in future elections. The  
37 county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of  
38 disposition to any voter completing such application.

39 (b) When a registered voter changes residence, the voter shall  
40 reregister in order to be eligible to vote, except that when a registrant has  
41 moved from an address on the registration book to another address within  
42 the county and has not reregistered, the registrant shall be allowed to vote  
43 a provisional ballot at any election, or to apply for an advance voting

1 ballot, on the condition that the registrant first completes the application  
2 for registration prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto.  
3 Completion of the application shall authorize the county election officer to  
4 update the registration record, if appropriate, for voting in future elections.  
5 The county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of  
6 disposition to any such voter. Whenever the county election officer  
7 receives from any other election officer a notice of registration of a voter  
8 in a different place than that shown in the records of the county election  
9 officer, the officer shall remove the name of the voter from the registration  
10 book and party affiliation list.

11 (c) Every application for registration completed under this section  
12 shall be returned to the county election officer with the registration books.

13 (d) A registrant shall not be removed from the registration list on the  
14 ground that the registrant has changed residence unless the registrant:

15 (1) Confirms in writing that the registrant has moved outside the  
16 county in which the registrant is registered, or registers to vote in any other  
17 jurisdiction; or

18 (2) (A) (i) has failed to respond to the notice described in subsection  
19 (e)(1) through (e)(4) (e)(5); or (ii) the notice described in subsection (e)(5)  
20 (e)(6) is returned as undeliverable; and (B) has not appeared to vote in an  
21 election during the period beginning on the date of the notice and ending  
22 on the day after the date of the second federal general election that occurs  
23 after the date of the notice.

24 (e) A county election officer shall send a confirmation notice, upon  
25 which a registrant may state such registrant's current address, within 45  
26 days of the following events:

27 (1) A notice of disposition of an application for voter registration is  
28 returned as undeliverable;

29 (2) change of address information supplied by the national change of  
30 address program identifies a registrant whose address may have changed;

31 (3) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a  
32 registrant has moved to a different residence address in the county in  
33 which the registrant is currently registered;

34 (4) if it appears from information provided by the postal service that a  
35 registrant has moved to a different residence address outside the county in  
36 which the registrant is currently registered; or

37 (5) *if it appears from information provided by the director of the*  
38 *division of motor vehicles that a registrant has moved to a different*  
39 *residence address outside the county in which the registrant is currently*  
40 *registered; or*

41 (6) if the registrant has no election-related activity for any four-  
42 calendar-year period. No election-related activity means that the elector  
43 has not voted, attempted to vote, requested or submitted an advance ballot

1 application, filed an updated voter registration card, signed a petition,  
2 which is required by law to be verified by the county election officer or the  
3 secretary of state, or responded to any official election mailing transmitted  
4 by the county election office.

5 The confirmation notice shall be sent by forwardable mail and shall  
6 include a postage prepaid and preaddressed return card in a form  
7 prescribed by the chief state election official.

8 (f) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, when a voter dies or is  
9 disqualified for voting, the registration of the voter shall be void, and the  
10 county election officer shall remove such voter's name from the  
11 registration books and the party affiliation lists.

12 (2) The county election officer shall remove the name of a registered  
13 voter from the registration books and the party affiliation lists in such  
14 officer's office when:

15 (A) An obituary notice appears in a newspaper having general  
16 circulation in the county reports the death of such registered voter;

17 (B) an obituary notice published online by a funeral home located in  
18 the county reports the death of such registered voter;

19 (C) such registered voter requests in writing that such voter's name be  
20 removed from registration;

21 (D) a court of competent jurisdiction orders removal of the name of  
22 such registered voter from registration lists; ~~or~~

23 (E) the name of such registered voter appears on a list of deceased  
24 residents compiled by the secretary of health and environment as provided  
25 in K.S.A. 65-2422, and amendments thereto, ~~appears~~ or on a copy of a  
26 death certificate provided by the secretary of health and environment ~~or~~;

27 (F) *the name of such registered voter appears in information on a list  
28 of deceased individuals provided by the social security administration that  
29 has been verified by other reliable means; or*

30 (G) *the registered voter is declared deceased in a notarized  
31 attestation of such declaration in such form as prescribed by the secretary  
32 of state and executed by such voter's spouse, grandparent, parent, child,  
33 grandchild or sibling.*

34 (3) The county election officer shall not use or permit the use of any  
35 lists of deceased residents or copies of such lists for any other purpose than  
36 as provided in this section.

37 (g) When the chief state election official receives written notice of a  
38 felony conviction in a United States district court, such official shall notify  
39 within five *business* days the county election officer of the jurisdiction in  
40 which the offender resides. Upon notification of a felony conviction from  
41 the chief state election official, or from a county or district attorney or a  
42 Kansas district court, the county election officer shall remove the name of  
43 the offender from the registration records *within five business days*.

1       (h) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person whose  
2 name has been removed from the registration books shall be entitled to  
3 vote until such person has registered again.

4       (i) *To ensure effective and continuous maintenance of voter  
5 registration records through the use of all available and reliable sources  
6 of information, the secretary of state:*

7       (1) *Shall obtain the following information at the times prescribed and  
8 provide such information to the appropriate county election officer:*

9       (A) *At least twice each year, the results of any duplicate voter  
10 registration checks performed on state voter registration records; and*

11       (B) *at least once each month quarter, a list, which shall be provided  
12 by the director of the division of motor vehicles at such times as  
13 prescribed by the secretary of state, of all changes in residency for the  
14 immediately preceding month quarter;*

15       (2) *shall request the following information a list of deceased  
16 residents of this state provided by the social security administration at  
17 least once each year and provide such information to the appropriate  
18 county election officer:*

19       (A) ~~*A list of deceased residents of this state provided by the social  
20 security administration; and*~~

21       (B) ~~*a list of individuals who are noncitizens but may be registered to  
22 vote provided by the United States citizenship and immigration services;  
23 and*~~

24       (3) *may obtain the following information at any time and provide  
25 such information to the appropriate county election officer:*

26       (A) *Any change of residency information provided by a state or  
27 federal agency;*

28       (B) *any change of residency information provided by a  
29 nongovernmental entity; and*

30       (C) *comparisons of voter registration records held and maintained by  
31 other jurisdictions.*

32       (j) *All information obtained by the secretary of state pursuant to  
33 subsection (i) shall be confidential and shall not be disclosed pursuant to  
34 the open records act, K.S.A. 45-215 et seq., and amendments thereto,  
35 except that such information may be released to county election officers as  
36 authorized under subsection (i). The provisions of this section shall expire  
37 on July 1, 2031, unless the legislature reviews and reenacts this provision  
38 pursuant to K.S.A. 45-229, and amendments thereto, prior to July 1, 2031.*

39       Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2324 is hereby amended to read as  
40 follows: 25-2324. (a) *Every quarter, the director of the division of motor  
41 vehicles shall provide a list of all permanent and temporary drivers'  
42 licenses issued to noncitizens quarterly and forward this list to the  
43 secretary of state. The list of noncitizens shall contain the names,*

1     addresses, phone numbers, social security numbers, dates of birth,  
2     alien registration numbers, temporary drivers' license numbers and  
3     expiration dates of such licenses. The secretary of state shall compare  
4     such lists with the voter registration rolls and, after an investigation,  
5     direct the county election officer to remove within five business days  
6     any names of noncitizens that appear on the voter rolls. The county  
7     election officer shall notify any person removed from the voter  
8     registration rolls that the person may be reinstated on the voter  
9     registration rolls by providing proof of their citizenship.

10    (b) *Every quarter, the director of the division of motor vehicles shall*  
11 *provide a list of all permanent and temporary driver's licenses issued to*  
12 *persons who have subsequently been issued a driver's license by another*  
13 *jurisdiction to the secretary of state. The list shall contain the names,*  
14 *addresses, phone numbers, dates of birth, driver's license numbers and*  
15 *expiration dates for such licenses. The secretary of state shall compare*  
16 *such lists with the voter registration rolls and, after an investigation,*  
17 *direct the county election officer to remove within five business days any*  
18 *names of such persons that appear on the voter rolls. The county election*  
19 *officer shall notify any person removed from the voter registration rolls*  
20 *that such person may be reinstated on the voter registration rolls by*  
21 *providing proof of residency in this state.*

22    Sec.~~–2.~~ **9.** K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2316c-~~is~~ **and 25-2324** are hereby  
23    repealed.

24    Sec.~~–3.~~ **10.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25    publication in the statute book.