

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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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to voter registration; authorizing the use of additional resources for verifying voter registration records; **requiring periodic comparisons with the federal systematic alien verification for entitlements (SAVE) database**; removing individuals disqualified for voting from voter registration records; providing an open records exemption for certain information related to voter registration; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2316c **and 25-2324** and repealing the existing ~~section~~ **sections**.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. As used in this act:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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.