

HOUSE BILL No. 2452

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Proctor

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; changing the timing of municipality
2 elections for cities, school districts, community colleges and certain
3 other municipalities to fall in even-numbered years; requiring terms of
4 office to be either two years or four years; amending K.S.A. 2-623, 2-
5 624, 13-1221, 13-1702, 19-2760, 19-3505, 24-412, 24-459, 24-504, 24-
6 506, 25-205, 25-210, 25-610, 25-611, 25-2010, 25-2017a, 25-2102, 25-
7 2107, 25-2108a, 25-21a03, 42-706, 71-1408, 71-1413, 71-1422 and 80-
8 2508 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-213, 25-303, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-
9 2018, 25-2311, 25-2502 and 25-3009 and repealing the existing
10 sections; also repealing K.S.A. 25-21a01.

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

13 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2028, all primary
14 elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of
15 any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2028 and
16 on such date thereafter of even-numbered years, and all general elections
17 for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any
18 municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in
19 November of 2028 and on such date thereafter of even-numbered years.

20 (b) The term of elected members of governing bodies and other
21 elected officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in 2027
22 shall expire on the second Monday in January of 2029, when newly
23 elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials
24 shall take office.

25 (c) The governing body of the municipality shall establish by
26 ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with
27 this act. Terms of office shall be either two years or four years as
28 established by statute or by action of the municipality. Any member of a
29 governing body or other elected official: Elected in 2027 for a two-year
30 term shall serve a three-year term; elected in 2027 for a three-year term
31 shall serve a two-year term; and elected in 2027 for a four-year term shall
32 serve a three-year term.

33 (d) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as
34 provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election
35 shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021 and 25-2108a, and

1 amendments thereto, or as otherwise required by law.

2 (e) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless
3 otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and
4 amendments thereto.

5 (f) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may
6 become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to
7 become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a
8 filing fee of \$20.

9 (g) "Municipality" means: (1) Any city, consolidated city-county
10 created under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and 12-360 et seq., and amendments
11 thereto, school district, any board of public utilities created under K.S.A.
12 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto, community college, drainage
13 district, extension district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and
14 amendments thereto, irrigation district, improvement district created under
15 K.S.A. 19-2753 et seq., and amendments thereto, water district created
16 under K.S.A. 19-3501 et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital
17 district created under K.S.A. 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto.

18 (2) "Municipality" does not include any special district where the
19 election of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of
20 the special district.

21 (h) Cities and hospital districts shall provide for all elections of
22 elected officials in even-numbered years. The staggering of terms of office
23 shall be by establishing a term of office of either two years or four years
24 by city ordinance or hospital district resolution.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a)
26 Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils may
27 establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such
28 councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to
29 combine the extension programs for each county involved into one
30 extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall
31 be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1)
32 The board of county commissioners of each county included in the
33 proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)
34 the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the
35 proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state
36 university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized
37 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in
38 accordance with subsection (h).

39 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils
40 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a
41 new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with
42 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and
43 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district

1 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils
2 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement
3 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of:
4 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the
5 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2)
6 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being
7 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing
8 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university
9 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized
10 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in
11 accordance with subsection (h).

12 (c) On July 1, after the approval under subsection (a) or (b) of an
13 agreement to establish an extension district, such extension district is
14 hereby established and shall constitute a body corporate and politic
15 possessing the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes under the
16 name of "extension district no. _____ (the number designated by the
17 director of extension), _____ counties (naming the counties included
18 within the district), state of Kansas." Each extension district is a taxing
19 subdivision and has the power to contract, sue and be sued and to acquire,
20 hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law.

21 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection
22 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension
23 programs—~~which~~ *that* are combined into the new district extension
24 programs shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be
25 subject to the authority of the governing body of the extension district in
26 accordance with the agreement to establish the extension district.

27 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection
28 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the
29 establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to
30 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all
31 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their
32 appointment. Of the members so appointed, two members shall serve for
33 terms ending upon the election and qualification of—~~their such members'~~
34 successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday
35 in November of the first—~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year following
36 ~~their such members'~~ appointment and two members shall serve for terms
37 ending upon the election and qualification of—~~their such members'~~
38 successors at an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday
39 in November of the second—~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year following
40 ~~their such members'~~ appointment.

41 (f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing
42 extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners
43 of each county being included in an existing extension district shall

1 appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the
2 governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so
3 appointed shall commence on July 1 following ~~their such members'~~
4 appointment. Of the members so appointed, two members shall serve for
5 terms ending upon the election and qualification of ~~their such members'~~
6 successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday
7 in November of the first ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year following
8 ~~their such members'~~ appointment and two members shall serve for terms
9 ending upon the election and qualification of ~~their such members'~~
10 successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday
11 in November of the second ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year following
12 ~~their such members'~~ appointment. The offices of the members of the
13 governing body of the existing extension district shall continue in
14 existence, and the persons in such offices shall be members of the
15 governing body of the expanded extension district, which is established on
16 July 1, for the remainder of ~~their such members'~~ existing terms of office.

17 (g) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement entered
18 into under this section shall specify the permissible method or methods to
19 be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the extension
20 district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the extension
21 district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

22 (h) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A. 2-
23 628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to ~~its~~
24 *such agreement's* entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney
25 general, who shall determine whether the agreement is in proper form and
26 compatible with this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney
27 general shall approve any agreement submitted for approval under this
28 section or K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto, unless the attorney
29 general finds that the submitted agreement does not meet the requirements
30 of this act. In such case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the
31 proposed parties to the agreement and to each other entity required to
32 approve the agreement; the specific respects in which the proposed
33 agreement fails to meet the requirements of law. Failure by the attorney
34 general to disapprove an agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection
35 within 90 days of ~~its such agreement's~~ submission shall constitute approval
36 of the agreement by the attorney general.

37 (i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of
38 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed
39 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing
40 extension district under subsection (b), ~~as the case may be~~, shall adopt a
41 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to
42 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included
43 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each

1 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If, within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of the county and ~~is~~ filed with the county election officer, such board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the ~~same question of inclusion~~ is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto.

13 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be composed of four representatives from each county included in the extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected in a ~~county-wide~~ *countywide* election by the qualified electors of the county.

20 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and qualified.

27 (c) (1) The election to elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year.

30 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained, in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by this act. Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in the manner as provided in K.S.A. 25-21a03, ~~and amendments thereto~~, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

40 (3) Notice of the time and place of holding each election; shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and amendments thereto.

1 (4) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.

2 (d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an
3 extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for
4 the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident
5 of the county ~~which~~ *that* was represented by the member creating the
6 vacancy.

7 (e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize
8 annually in January by electing from among ~~its such governing body's~~
9 members a chairperson, ~~vice chairperson~~ *vice chairperson*, secretary and
10 treasurer.

11 Sec. 4. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
12 1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members, three
13 of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three of
14 which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each of
15 the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). Members of the board
16 shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis. Members elected to the board of
17 public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold ~~their offices~~
18 *office* for terms of four years; and until ~~their such members'~~ successors are
19 elected and qualified. Each of the members elected from districts shall be
20 qualified voters of the districts from which elected. Elections of members
21 of the board shall be held at the general election in ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
22 *numbered* years.

23 (b) The board shall elect from ~~its such board's~~ own number a
24 president and ~~vice president~~ *vice president* and ~~shall~~ appoint a secretary.
25 Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be filled by a majority vote of
26 the members remaining on the board. ~~Where~~ *If* a vacancy has occurred in
27 the membership of any board of public utilities, a member selected to fill
28 such vacancy shall serve until the next November in ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
29 *numbered* years election, at which time, a successor shall be elected to
30 serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

31 Sec. 5. K.S.A. 13-1702 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-
32 1702. Whenever any city of the second class having the commission form
33 of government shall hereafter become a city of the first class, such change
34 of classification of the city shall take effect with the ~~April~~ *November* city
35 election at the next ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and officers
36 provided for in K.S.A. 13-1708, *and amendments thereto*, shall be elected
37 and the terms of elective officers of the commission city of the second
38 class shall expire.

39 Sec. 6. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
40 2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the
41 Tuesday following the first Monday in November and of each ~~odd-~~
42 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* year thereafter for the purpose of electing three
43 directors of such district, except that the first election following the

1 establishment of such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of
2 county commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

3 (b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of
4 two years.

5 ~~(c)—Each director shall:~~

6 ~~(1)— own land within the improvement district; or~~

7 ~~(2)— reside in the improvement district.~~

8 Sec. 7. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
9 3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing body
10 of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-member
11 board holding positions numbered one ~~to through five, inclusive~~. Each
12 member shall be elected and shall hold office from the second Monday in
13 January succeeding such member's election until four years thereafter and
14 until a successor is elected and has qualified.

15 The first election of members of the governing body of any water
16 district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first
17 Tuesday in ~~August~~ *November* of any even-numbered year, at which time,
18 members shall be elected for terms beginning on ~~September~~ *January* 1 of
19 the ~~same following year, and ending on April 30 of the third year following~~
20 ~~the beginning of such term, to positions numbered three, four and five. At~~
21 ~~such first election, members shall be elected for terms ending on April 30~~
22 ~~of the first year following the beginning of such terms, to positions~~
23 ~~numbered one and two. Members first elected to positions one and two~~
24 ~~shall have terms of approximately eight months. Elections shall be held on~~
25 ~~the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each odd-~~
26 ~~numbered year for the member positions whose terms expire in that year.~~

27 (b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water
28 district *located in Johnson county* shall be composed of seven members.
29 At the election held in 1991, positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be
30 elected to four-year terms. At the election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4
31 and 5 shall be elected to four-year terms.

32 (c) Elections *from and after January 1, 2028*, shall be held on the
33 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered~~
34 ~~even-numbered~~ year for the positions ~~which~~ *that* terms expire in that year.
35 Members shall hold office from the second Monday in January following
36 such member's election until four years thereafter and until a successor is
37 elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be called
38 and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to other local
39 elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality shall apply to
40 elections under this act to the extent that ~~the same~~ *such laws* can be made
41 to apply. Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall be
42 published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the
43 county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-105 and

1 25-209, and amendments thereto.

2 (d) In January, following each election, the board shall organize and
3 not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall
4 select from among ~~its~~ *such board's* members a chairperson and a ~~vice-~~
5 ~~chairperson~~ *vice chairperson*. The ~~vice-chairperson~~ *vice chairperson* shall
6 preside over any meetings at which the chairperson is not present.
7 Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired term by
8 appointment by the remaining members. All members shall take an oath of
9 office as prescribed for other public officials. The members of the board
10 shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior to accepting office,
11 the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a corporate surety
12 bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of \$10,000, conditioned upon the
13 faithful performance of the member's duties and for the true and faithful
14 accounting of all money that may come into the member's hands by virtue
15 of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the office of the county clerk for
16 the county in which the major portion of such water district is located after
17 approval by the board of county commissioners of such county.

18 (e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an
19 amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary
20 and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

21 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-412.

22 (a) An election to choose three directors in each district shall be held on
23 the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~2017~~ 2028, and an
24 election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the Tuesday following
25 the first Monday in November, to choose directors. Any director elected in
26 any district in ~~2015~~ 2027 shall hold such office until such successor is
27 elected and qualified.

28 (b) ~~On and after January 1, 2012,~~ The board of directors of drainage
29 district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in
30 K.S.A. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

31 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-459.

32 (a) The board of directors of any drainage district incorporated pursuant to
33 K.S.A. 24-458, and amendments thereto, shall consist of three qualified
34 persons as defined in subsection (e)(3).

35 (b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the
36 drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the
37 incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county
38 commissioners to which the petition is presented.

39 (c) The directors shall hold office until the second Monday in January
40 of the next ~~even-numbered~~ *odd-numbered* year after the incorporation of
41 the district, at which time and every four years thereafter, directors shall be
42 elected at the November ~~odd-year~~ *even-numbered year* elections and shall
43 hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are

1 elected and qualified.

2 (d) Every qualified person of the district shall be entitled to vote at
3 the election or at any election ~~which~~ *that* may be held in the district.

4 (e) For the purposes of this section:

5 (1) "Owner" or "person who owns land" means any person or entity
6 who is the record owner of the fee in any real estate in the district or the
7 fee in the surface rights of any real estate in the district, but the owners of
8 an oil and gas lease, mineral rights or interest, easements or mortgages as
9 such shall not be considered owners, and school districts, cemetery
10 associations, and municipal corporations shall not be considered owners.

11 (2) "Taxpayer" means any owner who has paid all taxes currently due
12 on such real estate.

13 (3) "Qualified person" means any taxpayer 18 years of age or older,
14 whether a resident of the district or not. A taxpayer who is a qualified
15 person and who is not an individual may designate an individual to cast ~~its~~
16 *such taxpayer's* vote or to serve as a director of the district.

17 (f) The county clerk shall determine the qualified persons entitled to
18 vote at any election in the district. Any entity desiring to vote at an election
19 shall register the name of ~~its~~ *such entity's* designated representative with
20 the county election officer ~~no~~ *not* later than 21 days in advance of any such
21 election.

22 Sec. 10. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-504.
23 Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the proposed
24 drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of the drainage
25 district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state shall report
26 the fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall declare, by suitable
27 proclamation, the territory described in the petition and set forth in the
28 reports of the commissioners to constitute a public corporation, and the
29 freeholders owning lands within the bounds, and resident within the state
30 of Kansas, to be incorporated as a drainage district under the name
31 designated in the petition, and the territory and the freeholders thereof,
32 who are residents of the state of Kansas, and their successors; shall
33 constitute a body politic and corporate under the corporate name and shall
34 give perpetual succession.

35 In the proclamation, the governor shall designate the Tuesday following
36 the first Monday in November of the ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year
37 following the issuing of the proclamation on which an election shall be
38 held in each of the counties to be included within the proposed drainage
39 district for the purpose of electing directors of the corporation, in number
40 and in the manner hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make
41 and keep full and complete records of the organization of all drainage
42 districts organized under the provisions of this act, showing the findings
43 and decisions of the boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of

1 the governor in connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct
2 copy of which ~~he~~ *the secretary of state* shall forward to the boards of
3 county commissioners within five days after the issuing of the governor's
4 proclamation provided for in this section, and ~~they shall spread the same~~
5 ~~upon their~~ *the drainage district shall maintain such records.*

6 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-506.

7 (a) The board of directors of any drainage district incorporated pursuant to
8 K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall consist of one person
9 from each county in the district if the number of counties is odd, but if the
10 number of counties is even, then there shall be an additional director at
11 large. If the drainage district is located wholly within one county, the
12 number of directors shall be three. Except as provided in subsection (b),
13 the directors shall be freeholders who shall be residents of Kansas; whose
14 lands in whole or in part are located within the district. The directors shall
15 hold ~~their offices~~ *office* for a term of four years and until ~~their such~~
16 *directors'* successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose
17 directors, except the first, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first
18 Monday in November of the next ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and
19 every four years thereafter.

20 (b) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land
21 within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold
22 the office of director.

23 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205.

24 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of candidates
25 for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed upon the
26 official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become a
27 candidate by one of the following methods and none other:

28 (1) ~~They~~ *Such candidate* shall have had filed in their behalf, not later
29 than ~~12 noon~~, *12:00 p.m.* on June 1, prior to such primary election, or if
30 such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~
31 *12:00 p.m.* of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a
32 holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act; or

33 (2) ~~they~~ *such candidate* shall have filed not later than the time for
34 filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a
35 declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee
36 required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of
37 state.

38 (b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:

39 I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of _____, and
40 state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of
41 _____ party, hereby nominate _____, who resides in
42 the township of _____ (or at number _____ on
43 _____ street, city of _____), in the county of _____

1 _____ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here
 2 specify the office) _____, to be voted for at the primary
 3 election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in _____, as
 4 representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend
 5 to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will
 6 not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at
 7 such primary election.

8 (HEADING)

9 Name of	Street Number	Name of	Date of
10 Signers.	or Rural Route	City.	Signing.
11 (as registered).			

12 All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form,
 13 written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless it
 14 is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

15 (c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such
 16 petition for the same office, ~~and shall~~ declare that such person intends to
 17 support the candidate therein named; and shall add to such person's
 18 signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number-(, if any); or,
 19 otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the
 20 place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing
 21 given as herein required, and if ditto marks are used to indicate address
 22 ~~they, such marks~~ shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall
 23 not be cut or pasted together.

24 (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the
 25 same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit
 26 described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A. 25-
 27 3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be appended to
 28 each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of documents carried
 29 by each circulator, a verification, signed by the circulator or the candidate,
 30 to the effect that such circulator or the candidate personally witnessed the
 31 signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

32 (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination
 33 petitions shall be signed:

34 (1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office
 35 of United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of
 36 the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the state
 37 as compiled by the office of the secretary of state;

38 (2) if for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide
 39 basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the
 40 current voter registration of the party designated in such district as
 41 compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office of
 42 district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current
 43 voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such office

1 is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with
2 K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

3 (3) if for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than
4 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in
5 such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and
6 certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and
7 amendments thereto; and

8 (4) if for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than
9 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in
10 such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to
11 the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments
12 thereto.

13 (f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments
14 thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a
15 majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a
16 separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of
17 such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate
18 state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or
19 districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

20 (g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of
21 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in
22 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of
23 education:

24 (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
25 manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, nomination petitions for
26 nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not
27 less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party
28 designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

29 (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
30 manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, nomination petitions for
31 nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of
32 the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the
33 following:

34 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress
35 1,000 registered voters;

36 (B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300
37 registered voters;

38 (C) for the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and

39 (D) for the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

40 (h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of
41 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in
42 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of
43 education:

(1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(i) Primary elections for candidates for municipal office shall be held when otherwise required by law. The names of candidates for municipal offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot in ~~odd-numbered even-numbered~~ year elections ~~and in even-numbered years when needed~~. Persons shall become qualified to become a candidate by one of the following methods:

(1) ~~They~~Such candidate shall have filed, not later than ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. on June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as otherwise provided by law; or

(2) ~~they~~such candidate shall have filed, not later than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the \$20 fee required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state as provided in K.S.A. 25-21a03, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 13. K.S.A. 25-210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-210.

(a) The official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the official primary election ballot for county and township offices of each political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed, voted, and canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided by law for the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official general ballots for national and state offices and official general ballots for county and township offices, except as otherwise provided by law.

(b) The official primary election ballot for municipal elections in ~~odd-numbered even-numbered~~ years shall be arranged and printed by the county election officer.

Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the national

1 and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon
2 the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the
3 county and township offices as specified for each in this section shall be
4 printed upon the official primary election ballot for county and township
5 offices.

6 (b) The official primary election ballots shall have the following
7 heading:

8 OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

9 _____ Party

10 To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross
11 or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a
12 person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in
13 the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the
14 square to the left.

15 The words national and state or the words county and township shall
16 appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

17 The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for
18 whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to
19 law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and
20 state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States
21 representative from _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor,
22 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of
23 insurance, senator _____ district, representative _____ district, district
24 judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____ district, district
25 attorney _____ judicial district, and member state board of education
26 _____ district. For county and township offices the form shall be followed
27 by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations
28 have been filed according to law for political parties having primary
29 elections in the following order: Commissioner _____ district, county clerk,
30 treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee,
31 township treasurer, township clerk. When any office is not to be elected, it
32 shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed
33 shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a
34 statement of the number to vote for.

35 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official
36 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The
37 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be
38 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are
39 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the
40 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line
41 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in
42 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be
43 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or

1 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct
2 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

3 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name
4 shall be printed more than once on either the official primary election
5 ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot
6 for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official
7 primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or
8 written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election
9 ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the
10 unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the
11 same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The
12 name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as
13 such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or
14 committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election
15 ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere
16 on the ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and
17 township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.
18 No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county
19 and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary
20 election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on the county and
21 township ballot except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

22 (d) No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman
23 or precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or
24 declarations have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-
25 in votes, resides in such precinct, is a qualified elector and is a member of
26 such party as shown by the party affiliation list maintained in the county
27 election office. As a result of a primary election, no person shall receive
28 the nomination and no person's name shall be printed on the official
29 general election ballot when no nomination petitions or declarations were
30 filed, unless the person receives votes equal in number to not less than 5%
31 of the total of the current voter registration designated in the state, county
32 or district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the
33 secretary of state, except that a candidate for township office may receive
34 the nomination and have such person's name printed on the ballot where
35 no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if such candidate
36 receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to
37 obtain more than 5,000 votes.

38 (e) The secretary of state ~~by shall adopt~~ rules and regulations ~~shall~~
39 ~~develop~~ *establishing ballot styles* for the official ballot for municipal
40 elections in ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year elections.

41 (f) A person who won the primary election as a result of the person's
42 name being written in on the primary ballot shall have such person's name
43 printed on the official general election ballot for national, state, county,

1 township or municipal office, unless the person notifies, in writing, the
2 secretary of state for national or state office or the county election office
3 for all other offices within 10 days following the canvass of the primary
4 election that the person does not want such person's name on the official
5 general election ballot.

6 Sec. 15. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-303 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 25-303. (a) This section shall not apply to city and school
8 elections, ~~nor~~ or to election of other officers provided by law to be elected
9 in ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered years.

10 (b) All nominations other than party nominations shall be
11 independent nominations. No person who has declared and retains a party
12 affiliation in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3301, and amendments thereto,
13 shall be eligible to accept an independent nomination for any office.

14 (c) Independent nominations of candidates for any office to be filled
15 by the voters of the state at large may be made by nomination petitions
16 signed by not ~~less~~ fewer than 5,000 qualified voters for each candidate and
17 in the case of governor and lieutenant governor for each pair of such
18 candidates.

19 (d) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by
20 the voters of a county, district or other division less than a state may be
21 made by nomination petitions signed by voters equal in number to not less
22 than 4% of the current total of qualified voters of such county, district or
23 other division as compiled by the office of the secretary of state in the case
24 of state offices and as compiled in the office of the county election officer
25 and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2311,
26 and amendments thereto, in the case of local offices, and in no case to be
27 signed by ~~less~~ fewer than 25 ~~nor~~ or more than 5,000 qualified voters of
28 such county, district or division, for each candidate.

29 (e) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by
30 the voters of a township may be made by nomination papers signed by not
31 less than 5% of the current total of qualified voters of such township,
32 computed as above provided, for each candidate, and in no case to be
33 signed by ~~less~~ fewer than 10 such voters of such township for each
34 candidate.

35 (f) The signatures to such nomination petitions need not all be
36 appended to one paper, but each registered voter signing an independent
37 certificate of nomination shall add to the signature such petitioner's place
38 of residence and post office address. All signers of each separate
39 nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of
40 the office sought. The affidavit of the candidate or a petition circulator
41 shall be appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set
42 of documents carried by each circulator or candidate, a verification, signed
43 by the circulator or candidate, to the effect that such circulator or candidate

1 personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose
2 name appears thereon.

3 (g) No such nomination petition shall contain the name of a candidate
4 for governor without in the same such petition containing the name of a
5 candidate for lieutenant governor, ~~and if it does it otherwise such~~
6 *nomination petition* shall be void.

7 (h) No person shall join in nominating more than one person for the
8 same office, ~~and if this is done, otherwise~~ the name of such petitioner shall
9 not be counted on any certificate.

10 (i) Within 20 days after receipt of an independent nominating
11 petition, but not later than the date of the meeting of the state board of
12 canvassers in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3205, and amendments thereto,
13 the secretary of state shall determine the validity of such independent
14 nominating petition. If any independent nomination petitions are found to
15 be invalid, the secretary of state shall notify the candidate on whose behalf
16 the independent nomination petitions were filed that such nomination
17 petitions have been found to be invalid and the reason for such finding of
18 invalidity. Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity
19 by the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and
20 amendments thereto.

21 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.

22 (a) The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer
23 forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall
24 prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official
25 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such
26 rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have
27 an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to
28 which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any
29 national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state, or part
30 thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for
31 each particular office. In making such division, the secretary of state shall
32 divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required
33 number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal
34 as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as
35 compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in
36 certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers,
37 shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for
38 each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that
39 every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in
40 each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices
41 elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it
42 impossible to make a division ~~which~~ *that* allows each such candidate in
43 any given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's

1 name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the
2 secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various
3 counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such
4 district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The
5 names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service
6 therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of ~~their~~ *such*
7 *candidate's* respective terms.

8 In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together,
9 when the word "candidate" is used in this section, ~~it shall mean~~ *such word*
10 *means* pair of candidates.

11 (b) The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot
12 styles for general elections in ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year elections
13 for municipalities by rules and regulations adopted on or before July 1,
14 ~~2016~~ 2027.

15 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-611.

16 (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for national
17 and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be in the following
18 order: Names of candidates for the offices of president and ~~vice-president~~
19 *vice president*, United States senator, United States representative
20 _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,
21 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the
22 state as a whole), state senator _____ district, state representative _____
23 district, district judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____
24 district, district attorney _____ judicial district; and state board of
25 education member _____ district.

26 (b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for
27 county township offices for those offices to be elected shall be in the
28 following order: Names of candidates for county commissioner _____
29 district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney,
30 sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer and township clerk.

31 (c) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
32 before July 1, ~~2016~~ 2027, shall develop the order of arrangement of
33 municipal offices on the general election ballot in ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
34 *numbered* year elections.

35 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the
37 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~both~~ even-numbered
38 ~~and odd-numbered~~ years, and in the case of an election of any officers to
39 fill vacancies held on a date other than the Tuesday following the first
40 Monday in November, the election at which any such officer is finally
41 elected.

42 (b) "Primary election" means the elections held on the first Tuesday
43 in August of ~~both~~ even-numbered ~~and odd-numbered~~ years and any other

1 preliminary election held on a date other than the first Tuesday in August
2 at which part of the candidates for election to any national, state, county,
3 city, school or other municipal office are eliminated by the process of the
4 election but at which no officer is finally elected.

5 (c) "Special election" means any election held on the first Tuesday
6 after the first Monday in March of any year or on the same day as a
7 general or primary election.

8 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 25-2006. As used in article 20 of chapter 25 of the Kansas
10 Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto:

11 (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on
12 the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~odd-numbered~~
13 *even-numbered* years, and in the case of special elections of any school
14 officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally
15 elected.

16 (b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in
17 August of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year, and any other
18 preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to
19 any school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which
20 no officer is finally elected.

21 (c) "Special election" means any election held on the first Tuesday
22 after the first Monday in March of any year or on the same day as a
23 general or primary election.

24 Sec. 20. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
25 2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections shall be
26 conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the school
27 district. Board member general elections shall be held on the Tuesday
28 following the first Monday in November of ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered*
29 years. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of
30 ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* years.

31 Sec. 21. K.S.A. 25-2017a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
32 2017a. The clerk of the board of education of every school district shall
33 certify to the county election officer of the home county of the school
34 district a list of all school offices to be voted upon at each school election,
35 any boundary changes of member districts since the last preceding election
36 and the voting plan to be used as defined in K.S.A. 25-2005, and
37 amendments thereto, not later than May 1 of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
38 *numbered* year. A copy of the above information shall be furnished to the
39 county election officer of every county in which a part of the territory of
40 the school district is located.

41 Sec. 22. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as
42 follows: 25-2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question
43 submitted elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this

1 section.

2 (b) On or before June 10 of ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* years, the
3 county election officer shall publish a notice of election one time in a
4 newspaper having general circulation in the school district. Notice of the
5 election shall also be published on the website of the county election office
6 of any county where the election is to be conducted. Such notice shall
7 remain on the website until the day after the election. The notice for board
8 member elections shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the
9 date of the general election; (3) the date of the primary election if one is
10 held; (4) the filing deadline and the place of filing; and (5) the offices or
11 positions to be filled.

12 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form
13 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part
14 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this
15 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe
16 any particular form.

17 (d) On or before June 10 of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year,
18 a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county election
19 officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school
20 district, if a primary election is required to be held. Notice of the election
21 shall also be published on the website of the county election office of any
22 county where the election is to be conducted. Such notice shall remain on
23 the website until the day after the election. The notice shall state: (1) The
24 name of the school district; (2) the date of the primary election; (3) the
25 names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a
26 candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is
27 to serve; and (5) the times of opening and closing of the polls. Description
28 of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer.

29 (e) On or before September 1 of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered*
30 year, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county
31 election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the
32 school district. Notice of the election shall also be published on the
33 website of the county election office of any county where the election is to
34 be conducted. Such notice shall be published not less than 21 days prior to
35 the election and shall remain on the website until the day after the election.
36 The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of
37 the general election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or
38 position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and
39 the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the time of opening and
40 closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be
41 determined by the county election officer.

42 (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district
43 shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments

1 thereto. The notice shall state: (1) the name of the school district; (2) the
2 date of the election; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond
3 election; (4) the proposition to be voted upon; (5) the hours of opening and
4 closing of the polls; (6) the voting place or places and the area each voting
5 place is to serve; and (7) any other information specifically required by
6 law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county
7 election officer.

8 Sec. 23. K.S.A. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
9 2102. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the Tuesday
10 succeeding the first Monday in November of ~~both odd-numbered and~~
11 even-numbered years, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
12 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

13 (b) "Primary election" means the elections held on the first Tuesday
14 in August of ~~both odd-numbered and~~ even-numbered years.

15 (c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the
16 city is divided into member districts or wards.

17 (d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officers
18 without member districts or wards.

19 Sec. 24. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
20 2107. (a) The general election of city officers shall be held on the Tuesday
21 following the first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered and~~ even-
22 numbered ~~years~~ year, if needed.

23 (b) A primary may be held on the first Tuesday in August of each
24 ~~odd-numbered and even-numbered year, if needed, as prescribed in K.S.A.~~
25 ~~25-205 and 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.~~

26 Sec. 25. K.S.A. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
27 2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on the first
28 Tuesday in August of each ~~odd-numbered and~~ even-numbered year, ~~if~~
29 ~~needed.~~

30 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there
31 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the
32 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary
33 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates
34 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the
35 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there
36 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district, there shall
37 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed
38 on the ballots in the general election.

39 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in
40 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there
41 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there
42 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of
43 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest

1 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the
2 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of
3 candidates as there are members to be elected, there shall not be a primary
4 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in
5 the general election.

6 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names
7 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates
8 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office
9 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The
10 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name
11 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote
12 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary
13 city election ballots.

14 Sec. 26. K.S.A. 25-21a03 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
15 21a03. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the style and form of the
16 official primary ballot and the official general election ballot for municipal
17 offices.

18 (b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be
19 prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations for any municipality
20 shall be filed with the county election officer not later than ~~12 noon~~ 12:00
21 p.m., June 1, prior to the primary election in ~~both even-numbered and odd-~~
22 ~~numbered~~ years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday,
23 then before ~~12 noon~~ 12:00 p.m. of the next day that is not a Saturday,
24 Sunday or holiday.

25 (c) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures
26 for primary elections for municipalities.

27 (d) The secretary of state shall establish general election procedures
28 for general elections for municipalities.

29 (e) County election officers shall conduct municipal elections in ~~odd-~~
30 ~~numbered years and elections in even-numbered years if needed.~~

31 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to
32 implement this section on or before July 1, ~~2016~~ 2027.

33 Sec. 27. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as
34 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the
35 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the
36 following:

37 (1) Days when the main offices of the county government are closed
38 for business, except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer
39 under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

40 (2) days when the main offices of the city government are closed for
41 business, in the case of deputy county election officers who are city clerks
42 except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer under the
43 provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

1 (3) the 20 days preceding the day of primary and general elections;

2 (4) the 30 days preceding the day of any presidential preference
3 primary election held pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments
4 thereto;

5 (5) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one
6 specified in this subsection; and

7 (6) the day of any primary or general election or any question
8 submitted election.

9 (b) For the purposes of this section, in counting days that registration
10 books are to be closed, all of the days including Sunday and legal holidays
11 shall be counted.

12 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of
13 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general
14 elections. The days so specified by the secretary of state shall be
15 conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of state by mail at
16 least 60 days preceding every primary and general election.

17 (d) *On* the last days before closing of registration books as directed
18 by the secretary of state under subsection (c), county election officers shall
19 provide for registration of voters during regular business hours, during the
20 noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon such days as the
21 county election officers deem necessary. The last three business days
22 before closing of registration books prior to primary and general elections,
23 county election officers may provide for registration of voters until ~~9~~ 9:00
24 p.m. in any city.

25 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), county election officers
26 shall accept and process applications received by voter registration
27 agencies and the division of motor vehicles not later than the 21st day
28 preceding the date of any election or mailed voter registration applications
29 that are postmarked not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any
30 election except, if the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter
31 registration applications received in the mail not later than the ninth day
32 preceding the day of any election.

33 (2) For any presidential preference primary election held pursuant to
34 K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto, county election officers shall
35 accept and process applications received by voter registration agencies and
36 the division of motor vehicles not later than the 31st day preceding the date
37 of such election or mailed voter registration applications that are
38 postmarked not later than the 31st day preceding such election except, if
39 the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter registration applications
40 received in the mail not later than the 19th day preceding the day of such
41 election.

42 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting
43 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration

1 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed; and days when it is
2 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or
3 closed.

4 (g) Before each primary and general election held in even-numbered
5 ~~and odd-numbered~~ years; and at times and in a form prescribed by the
6 secretary of state, each county election officer shall certify to the secretary
7 of state the number of registered voters in each precinct of the county as
8 shown by the registration books in the office of such county election
9 officer.

10 Sec. 28. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as
11 follows: 25-2502. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the
12 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~both~~ even-numbered
13 ~~and odd-numbered~~ years, and in the case of an election of any officers to
14 fill vacancies held on a date other than the Tuesday following the first
15 Monday in November, the election at which any such officer is finally
16 elected.

17 (b) "Primary election" means the elections held on the first Tuesday
18 in August of ~~both~~ even-numbered ~~and odd-numbered~~ years and any other
19 preliminary election held on a date other than the first Tuesday in August
20 at which part of the candidates for election to any national, state, county,
21 township, city, school or other municipal office are eliminated by the
22 process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

23 (c) "Special election" means any election held on the first Tuesday
24 after the first Monday in March of any year or on the same day as a
25 general or primary election.

26 Sec. 29. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-3009 is hereby amended to read as
27 follows: 25-3009. (a) After an election and prior to the meeting of the
28 county board of canvassers to certify the official election results for any
29 election in which the canvassers certify the results, the county election
30 officer shall conduct a manual audit or tally of each vote cast, regardless of
31 the method of voting, in 1% of all precincts, with a minimum of one
32 precinct located within the county. The precinct or precincts shall be
33 randomly selected, and the selection shall take place after the election.

34 (b) (1) The audit shall be performed manually and shall review all
35 paper ballots selected pursuant to subsection (a). The audit shall be
36 performed by a sworn election board consisting of bipartisan trained board
37 members. The county election officer shall determine the members of the
38 sworn election board who will conduct the audit.

39 (2) The audit shall review contested races as follows:

40 (A) In presidential election years:

41 (i) One federal race;

42 (ii) one state legislative race;

43 (iii) one county race; ~~and~~

- 1 (iv) one constitutional amendment question, if any; *and*
2 (v) *two municipal races randomly selected after the election.*

3 (B) In *other* even-numbered, non-presidential election years:

- 4 (i) One federal race;
5 (ii) one statewide race;
6 (iii) one state legislative race;
7 (iv) one county race; and
8 (v) one constitutional amendment question, if any; *and*
9 (iv) *two municipal races randomly selected after the election.*

10 (C) In even-numbered election years, any federal, statewide or state
11 legislative race that is within 1% of the total number of votes cast tallied
12 on election night, as determined by the secretary of state, shall be audited.
13 The county election officer shall conduct the audit in the manner set forth
14 in subsection (a) in 10% of all county precincts in the specified race, with
15 a minimum of one precinct in the county. The precincts audited pursuant to
16 this subsection shall be in addition to the precincts audited under
17 subparagraphs (2)(A) and (B).

18 ~~(D) In odd-numbered election years, two local races will be randomly~~
19 ~~selected, and the selection shall take place after the election.~~

20 ~~(E)~~ Any presidential preference primary election held pursuant to
21 K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto.

22 (c) At least five days prior to the audit, notice of the time and location
23 of the audit shall be provided to the public on the official county website.
24 The audit shall be conducted in a public setting. Any candidate or entity
25 who is authorized to appoint a poll agent may appoint a poll agent for the
26 audit.

27 (d) The results of the audit shall be compared to the unofficial
28 election night returns, and a report shall be submitted to the county
29 election office and to the secretary of state's office prior to the meeting of
30 the county board of canvassers. If a discrepancy is reported between the
31 audit and the unofficial returns and cannot be resolved, the county election
32 officer or the secretary of state may require audits of additional precincts.
33 Once the audit has been completed, the results of the audit shall be used by
34 the county board of canvassers when certifying the official election results.

35 (e) Upon publication of the notice of the audit pursuant to subsection
36 (c), the signed and certified official abstracts required by K.S.A. 25-3006,
37 and amendments thereto, shall be made available by the county election
38 office for review by any authorized poll agent. Such abstracts shall be
39 from all precincts and shall not be limited to those precincts that are
40 subject to the audit. The abstracts shall be available for review until
41 commencement of the original canvass.

42 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations governing
43 the conduct and procedure of the audit, including the random selection of

1 the precincts and offices involved in the audit.

2 Sec. 30. K.S.A. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as follows: 42-706.

3 (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of directors consisting of
4 three members who shall be persons entitled to vote as provided in
5 subsection (g) and residents of a county in which the district or a portion
6 thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in which such irrigation
7 district or a portion thereof is located. Such members shall hold office for a
8 period of two or four years, such term of office being established by the
9 board of directors by passage of a resolution, and each shall serve until a
10 successor has been elected and qualified. The members of the board of
11 directors first elected after the creation of an irrigation district shall hold
12 their respective offices until the next regular election for the election of
13 directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of this section except that the
14 terms of the three directors shall be as provided in subsection (e) of this
15 section.

16 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the
17 incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the
18 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted
19 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of
20 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief
21 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating
22 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as
23 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or
24 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed
25 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places
26 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more
27 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the
28 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of
29 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district
30 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute
31 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members
32 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,
33 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the
34 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place
35 of any absent member.

36 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres
37 ~~which~~ *that* was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall
38 establish three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in
39 acreage and designate the same as the first, second or third voting area.
40 The board shall also establish and designate the polling place or places
41 within each voting area. At the first election held after the effective date of
42 this act, a director shall be elected for the term length established by the
43 board.

1 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be
2 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except
3 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11
4 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,
5 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of
6 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection (g). The forms
7 for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120, and
8 amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as provided
9 in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified to
10 establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the
11 district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to canvass
12 the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of the
13 county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation
14 district is located and the chief engineer the result of such election. The
15 clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such elections and shall
16 express or mail the same by registered mail to the county election officer
17 of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the
18 irrigation district is located. The county election officer shall canvass the
19 ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving the highest
20 number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first election
21 after creation of a district the county election officer of the county in
22 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
23 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of
24 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three
25 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each
26 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer
27 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a
28 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon
29 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by
30 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor
31 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board
32 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000~~which~~.
33 *Such* oath and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the
34 county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation
35 district is located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to
36 the district a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of
37 the amount, as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's
38 hands as treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond
39 of the treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon
40 approval of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such
41 approval thereon and file the same in the office of the county election
42 officer and shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in
43 which the registered office of the irrigation district is located of such

1 approval and filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the
2 treasurer's bond, the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit
3 to be commenced thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not
4 be necessary to include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money
5 collected shall be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have
6 been applied by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or
7 refuse to prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided
8 in subsection (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety
9 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid
10 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director
11 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the
12 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve
13 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed
14 to fill.

15 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the
16 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of
17 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail
18 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to
19 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.
20 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of
21 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall
22 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration
23 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

24 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be
25 held the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in ~~odd-~~
26 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* years. Any districts organized after the regular
27 election shall hold its election at the next regular election following
28 incorporation of the district and, at this election three directors shall be
29 elected and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve
30 for a term of four years, the persons receiving the second and third highest
31 number of votes shall serve for a term of two years. In case the first
32 election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and
33 the day preceding the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of
34 the next succeeding ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year, the next regular
35 election shall be held in the second succeeding ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
36 *numbered* year. At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall
37 be elected each year for a term of four years. Any person desiring to be a
38 candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's
39 declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in
40 which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located.
41 Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in K.S.A. 25-
42 205 and 25-21a03, and amendments thereto, ~~and K.S.A. 25-205, and~~
43 ~~amendments thereto~~. The county election officer shall prepare the ballot,

1 and place the names thereon in alphabetical order and shall supply election
2 officials with necessary ballots and polling books at the irrigation district's
3 expense. At least five days before any election, the county clerks of the
4 various counties within which a portion of the district is located, shall
5 cause to be ascertained the names of all persons entitled to vote as
6 provided in subsection (g) and shall furnish lists thereof to each election
7 board within such county and to the secretary of the board of directors of
8 the district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the general
9 election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper
10 of general circulation in the district in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and
11 amendments thereto. The results of all special or bond elections shall be
12 made available to the secretary of the district. All expenses of election, not
13 otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of
14 the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same
15 compensation as provided under general election laws.

16 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section
17 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general
18 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of
19 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons
20 entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) for the purpose of electing
21 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March.
22 Notice of the time and place of holding said annual meeting shall be given
23 in some newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the district for
24 one issue at least 30 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the
25 annual meeting shall be by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under
26 subsection (d) ~~of this section~~. All persons desiring to be voted upon as
27 director shall at least 30 days before the day of holding the annual meeting
28 file such person's name with the secretary of the board of directors of the
29 district, affixed to a statement that such person desires such person's name
30 to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors
31 of the district. The board of directors shall appoint three owners of
32 irrigable land in the district to serve as an election board at the annual
33 meeting. After the votes are cast at the annual meeting the election board
34 shall proceed to canvass the votes and shall certify to the county election
35 officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of
36 the irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such
37 election. All provisions of this section not inconsistent with the provisions
38 of *this* subsection ~~(f)~~ shall apply to the election of directors at the annual
39 meeting.

40 (g) Until such time as assessments are made in the district pursuant to
41 K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote
42 shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as such
43 term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who are

1 otherwise qualified electors.

2 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-
3 715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be
4 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is
5 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, ~~which that~~ has been
6 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are
7 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to
8 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area
9 shall vote in the voting area ~~which that~~ includes the greatest portion of
10 such person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors"
11 ~~shall include~~ *includes* a person who is the legal qualified owner of
12 irrigable land or a person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust,
13 corporation, association or partnership ~~which that~~ is the legal qualified
14 owner of irrigable land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the
15 district. Such trust, corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed
16 only one vote. The person authorized by such entity to vote shall be
17 someone who is not otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

18 Sec. 31. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
19 1408. Change of method of election in any community college district may
20 be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the period
21 beginning on the first Wednesday in November of each ~~odd-numbered~~
22 ~~even-numbered~~ year and ending on the first Tuesday in June of each ~~even-~~
23 ~~numbered~~ *odd-numbered* year, if such change is also approved in a manner
24 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of
25 election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next
26 following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in
27 the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not
28 shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time *that* the
29 change is made.

30 Sec. 32. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
31 1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be conducted
32 by the county election officer of the county in which the main campus of
33 the college is located. In any college district having territory in more than
34 one county, the county election officers of all such counties shall cooperate
35 with the county election officer of the county in which the main campus is
36 located, and upon establishing any new community college or adding
37 territory to any of the community college districts, the state board, ~~in~~
38 ~~accordance with this section,~~ shall specify the county in which the main
39 campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. General
40 community college elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the
41 first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year.

42 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the first
43 Tuesday of August of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year in

1 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

2 (c) Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general
3 election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper
4 published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and
5 amendments thereto.

6 Sec. 33. K.S.A. 71-1422 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-
7 1422. (a) As used in this section:

8 (1) "Cowley county community college district" means the taxing
9 district of Cowley county community college.

10 (2) "Sumner county election officer" means the county clerk of
11 Sumner county.

12 (3) "Additional member" means the additional trustee position on the
13 board of trustees of Cowley county community college elected by the
14 qualified electors residing in Sumner county.

15 (b) Subject to the provisions of subsection (e):

16 (1) The board of trustees of Cowley county community college shall
17 be composed of board members from Cowley county community college
18 elected pursuant to K.S.A. 71-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto, and
19 an additional member elected by the qualified electors of Sumner county.
20 The board of trustees of Cowley county community college shall adopt
21 and implement an additional member plan as provided in this section. The
22 board's additional member plan shall include a determination as to whether
23 the board has adopted a six or seven member plan for member elections in
24 the Cowley county community college district. The provisions of K.S.A.
25 71-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall apply to the member
26 elections in the Cowley county community college district.

27 (2) The general election for the additional member shall be conducted
28 as an at large election in Sumner county and held on the Tuesday
29 following the first Monday in November of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
30 *numbered* year.

31 (3) Any primary election for the additional member shall be
32 conducted as an at large election in Sumner county and held on the first
33 Tuesday of August of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year in
34 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

35 (4) Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general
36 election shall be published by the Sumner county election officer in
37 accordance with K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and amendments thereto.

38 (5) If there are more than three candidates for the additional member,
39 the Sumner county election officer shall call and hold a primary election.
40 The names of the two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes
41 at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If
42 there are three or fewer candidates, there shall not be a primary election
43 and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the

1 general election.

2 (6) If an additional member is to be elected to fill an unexpired term,
3 the Sumner county election officer shall call and hold a primary election if
4 there are more than three candidates for such unexpired term. The names
5 of two candidates for such unexpired term receiving the greatest number of
6 votes shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three
7 or fewer candidates for the unexpired term of the additional member, there
8 shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be
9 placed on the ballots in the general election.

10 (7) In general elections for the additional member, one blank line for
11 the names of write-in candidates shall be printed on the ballots at the end
12 of the list of candidates. The purpose of such blank line shall be to permit
13 the voter to insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for
14 whom such voter desires to vote for such position. No lines for write-in
15 candidates shall appear on primary election ballots for the additional
16 member.

17 (8) All qualified electors who reside in Sumner county may vote in
18 both the primary and general elections for the additional member.

19 (9) The provisions of K.S.A. 71-1419, and amendments thereto, shall
20 apply to elections for the additional member.

21 (c) (1) A person may become a candidate for election to the additional
22 member trustee of the Cowley county community college board of trustees
23 by either one of the following methods:

24 (A) Any person who is an elector of Sumner county may petition to
25 be a candidate for the additional member trustee by filing with the Sumner
26 county election officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not
27 ~~less~~ fewer than 50 electors residing in Sumner county; or

28 (B) any person who is an elector of Sumner county may become a
29 candidate for the additional member trustee by filing with the Sumner
30 county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate and
31 payment of a filing fee in the amount of \$20.

32 (2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection
33 shall be filed on or before ~~12 12:00~~ p.m. on June 1 of each ~~odd-numbered~~
34 *even-numbered* year as provided in K.S.A. 25-205 and 25-21a03, ~~and~~
35 ~~amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.~~

36 (d) The first additional member shall be elected for a two-year term
37 commencing on the second Monday in January, ~~2018~~, following the
38 election. All subsequent additional members shall be elected for a four-
39 year term commencing on the second Monday in January following the
40 election.

41 (e) The Cowley county community college board of trustees shall be
42 composed of those members elected pursuant to K.S.A. 71-1401 et seq.,
43 and amendments thereto, and the additional member, for so long as

1 Sumner county provides financial support for the benefit of Cowley
2 county community college in the form of a countywide retailers' sales tax
3 or an ad valorem property tax levied on all taxable tangible property
4 located in Sumner county. If Sumner county terminates such financial
5 support or if the financial support lapses:

6 (1) The Cowley county community college board of trustees shall
7 discontinue implementation of the additional member plan at the
8 expiration of the additional member's term or upon the vacancy of the
9 additional member position;

10 (2) the Cowley county community college board of trustees shall
11 send notice of discontinued financial support to the Sumner county
12 election officer;

13 (3) upon receipt of such notice, the Sumner county election officer
14 shall not conduct or authorize any general or primary election to fill the
15 expiring term of the additional member or to fill any vacancy of the
16 additional member position; and

17 (4) the additional member may continue to serve as the additional
18 member on the Cowley county board of trustees until the expiration of
19 such member's term of office or until a vacancy occurs in the additional
20 member position.

21 (f) Elections for the board of trustee members from the Cowley
22 county community college district shall continue to be conducted pursuant
23 to K.S.A. 71-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto.

24 Sec. 34. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows: 80-
25 2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four
26 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members
27 of boards. The four methods are:

28 (1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of
29 the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board
30 ~~which~~ *that* are to expire in such year.

31 (2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the
32 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
33 hospital.

34 (3) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held
35 on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~odd-numbered~~
36 *even-numbered* years for the positions on the board ~~which~~ *that* are to
37 expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member
38 shall take office on the second Monday in January following the date of
39 election.

40 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member
41 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the
42 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
43 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the

1 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,
2 either a petition signed by not-~~less~~ *fewer* than 50 electors eligible to vote
3 for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate, together
4 with a filing fee in the amount of \$20.

5 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph
6 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election, including ballots for that
7 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election
8 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective
9 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall
10 certify the results of the votes cast in-~~its~~ *each such* county to the board of
11 county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were
12 prepared.

13 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is
14 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of
15 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
16 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
17 qualified to vote.

18 (4) (A) Elections of board members for-~~three-year~~ *two-year* or four-
19 year terms shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in
20 November of each year for the positions on the board-~~which~~ *that* are to
21 expire in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member
22 shall take office on the second Monday in January.

23 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member
24 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the
25 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
26 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the
27 filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto,
28 either a petition signed by not-~~less~~ *fewer* than 50 electors eligible to vote
29 for a candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate, together
30 with a filing fee in the amount of \$20.

31 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph
32 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election, including ballots for that
33 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election
34 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective
35 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall
36 certify the results of the votes cast in-~~its~~ *each such* county to the board of
37 county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were
38 prepared.

39 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is
40 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of
41 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
42 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
43 qualified to vote.

(b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital is the method provided for in subsection (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(3) or (4) by majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof. Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(3) or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the change of method of selection shall expire on ~~May~~ *December 31* of the year in which the term of such member is to expire, except ~~that~~ for the purpose of electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other purposes, ~~the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected pursuant to subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in subsection (a)(4) by a majority vote of the board members.~~

Sec. 35. K.S.A. 2-623, 2-624, 13-1221, 13-1702, 19-2760, 19-3505, 24-412, 24-459, 24-504, 24-506, 25-205, 25-210, 25-610, 25-611, 25-2010, 25-2017a, 25-2102, 25-2107, 25-2108a, 25-21a01, 25-21a03, 42-706, 71-1408, 71-1413, 71-1422 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-213, 25-303, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2018, 25-2311, 25-2502 and 25-3009 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 36. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after January 1, 2028, and its publication in the Kansas register.