

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2026

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, **25-613**, 25-2010, 25-2017a, 25-
7 2102, 25-2107, 25-2108a, 25-21a03, 42-706, 71-1408, 71-1413, 71-
8 1422 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-213, 25-303, 25-1115, 25-
9 2006, 25-2018, 25-2311, 25-2502 and 25-3009 and repealing the
10 existing 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 2025 for a four-year**
30 **term shall serve a three-year term;** elected in 2027 for a two-year term
31 shall serve a three-year term; elected in 2027 for a three-year term shall
32 serve a two-year term; and elected in 2027 for a four-year term shall serve
33 a three-year term.

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

1 shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021 and 25-2108a, and
2 amendments thereto, or as otherwise required by law.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 (3) 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 K.S.A. 25-105 and 25-209, and amendments

1 thereto.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 directors of such district, except that the first election following the
2 establishment of such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of
3 county commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

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

6 (e)—Each director shall:

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

8 (2)—reside in the improvement district.

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

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

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

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

1 county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-105 and
2 25-209, and amendments thereto.

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

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

22 Sec. 8. K.S.A. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-412.
23 (a) An election to choose three directors in each district shall be held on
24 the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~2017~~ 2028, and an
25 election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the Tuesday following
26 the first Monday in November, to choose directors. Any director elected in
27 any district in ~~2015~~ 2027 shall hold such office until such successor is
28 elected and qualified.

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

32 Sec. 9. K.S.A. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-459.
33 (a) The board of directors of any drainage district incorporated pursuant to
34 K.S.A. 24-458, and amendments thereto, shall consist of three qualified
35 persons as defined in subsection (e)(3).

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

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

1 hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are
2 elected and qualified.

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

5 (e) For the purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 Sec. 11. K.S.A. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-506.
8 (a) The board of directors of any drainage district incorporated pursuant to
9 K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall consist of one person
10 from each county in the district if the number of counties is odd, but if the
11 number of counties is even, then there shall be an additional director at
12 large. If the drainage district is located wholly within one county, the
13 number of directors shall be three. Except as provided in subsection (b),
14 the directors shall be freeholders who shall be residents of Kansas, whose
15 lands in whole or in part are located within the district. The directors shall
16 hold ~~their officees~~ *their office* for a term of four years and until ~~their such~~
17 *directors'* successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose
18 directors, except the first, shall be held on the Tuesday following the first
19 Monday in November of the next ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year and
20 every four years thereafter.

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

24 Sec. 12. K.S.A. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205.
25 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of candidates
26 for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed upon the
27 official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become a
28 candidate by one of the following methods and none other:

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

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

39 (b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:
40 I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of _____, and
41 state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of
42 _____ party, hereby nominate _____, who resides in
43 the township of _____ (or at number _____ on

(HEADING)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such office
2 is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with
3 K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress
36 1,000 registered voters;

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

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

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

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

1 education:

2 (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
3 manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, the deadline for filing
4 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate
5 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be ~~12 noon~~
6 ~~12:00 p.m.~~ on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a
7 holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ ~~12:00 p.m.~~ of the next following day that is
8 not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

9 (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the
10 manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, the deadline for filing
11 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate
12 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be ~~12 noon~~
13 ~~12:00 p.m.~~ on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a
14 holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ ~~12:00 p.m.~~ of the next day that is not a
15 Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

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

22 (1) ~~They~~*Such candidate* shall have filed, not later than ~~12 noon~~,
23 ~~12:00 p.m.~~ on June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls
24 on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before ~~12 noon~~ ~~12:00 p.m.~~ of the
25 next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination
26 petitions, as otherwise provided by law; or

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

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

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

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

43 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as

1 follows: 25-213. (a) At all national and state primary elections, the national
2 and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon
3 the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the
4 county and township offices as specified for each in this section shall be
5 printed upon the official primary election ballot for county and township
6 offices.

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

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

Party

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

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

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

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

1 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or
2 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct
3 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

4 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name
5 shall be printed more than once on either the official primary election
6 ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot
7 for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official
8 primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or
9 written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election
10 ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the
11 unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the
12 same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The
13 name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as
14 such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or
15 committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election
16 ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere
17 on the ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and
18 township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.
19 No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county
20 and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary
21 election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on the county and
22 township ballot except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman.

23 (2) **A person's name may be printed on the official primary ballot
24 more than once if the person is a candidate for a municipality office
25 unless otherwise prohibited by law.**

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

42 (e) The secretary of state—*by shall adopt* rules and regulations—*shall*
43 *develop establishing ballot styles for* the official ballot for municipal

1 elections in-~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year elections.

2 (f) A person who won the primary election as a result of the person's
3 name being written in on the primary ballot shall have such person's name
4 printed on the official general election ballot for national, state, county,
5 township or municipal office, unless the person notifies, in writing, the
6 secretary of state for national or state office or the county election office
7 for all other offices within 10 days following the canvass of the primary
8 election that the person does not want such person's name on the official
9 general election ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

39 (f) The signatures to such nomination petitions need not all be
40 appended to one paper, but each registered voter signing an independent
41 certificate of nomination shall add to the signature such petitioner's place
42 of residence and post office address. All signers of each separate
43 nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of

1 the office sought. The affidavit of the candidate or a petition circulator
2 shall be appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set
3 of documents carried by each circulator or candidate, a verification, signed
4 by the circulator or candidate, to the effect that such circulator or candidate
5 personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose
6 name appears thereon.

7 (g) No such nomination petition shall contain the name of a candidate
8 for governor without in the same such petition containing the name of a
9 candidate for lieutenant governor, ~~and if it does it~~ otherwise such
10 nomination petition shall be void.

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

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

25 Sec. 16. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-610.
26 (a) The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer
27 forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall
28 prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official
29 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such
30 rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have
31 an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to
32 which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any
33 national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state, or part
34 thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for
35 each particular office. In making such division, the secretary of state shall
36 divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required
37 number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal
38 as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as
39 compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in
40 certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers,
41 shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for
42 each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that
43 every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in

1 each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices
2 elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it
3 impossible to make a division—which that allows each such candidate in
4 any given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's
5 name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the
6 secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various
7 counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such
8 district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The
9 names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service
10 therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their such
11 candidate's respective terms.

12 In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together,
13 when the word "candidate" is used in this section, it shall mean such word
14 means pair of candidates.

15 (b) The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot
16 styles for general elections in-odd-numbered even-numbered year elections
17 for municipalities by rules and regulations adopted on or before July 1,
18 2016 2027.

19 Sec. 17. K.S.A. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-611.
20 (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for national
21 and state offices for those offices to be elected shall be in the following
22 order: Names of candidates for the offices of president and vice-president
23 vice president, United States senator, United States representative
24 _____ district, governor and lieutenant governor running together,
25 secretary of state, attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the
26 state as a whole), state senator _____ district, state representative _____
27 district, district judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____
28 district, district attorney _____ judicial district; and state board of
29 education member _____ district.

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

35 (c) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
36 before July 1, 2016 2027, shall develop the order of arrangement of
37 municipal offices on the general election ballot in-odd-numbered even-
38 numbered year elections.

39 Sec. 18. K.S.A. 25-613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
40 613. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the name of each
41 candidate shall be printed on the ballot only once and no name that is
42 printed on the ballot shall be written elsewhere on the ballot. If a
43 person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office such

1 person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate of the
2 same political party for the next regular term for such office. Also, a
3 person may be an independent candidate for the unexpired term for
4 an office and an independent candidate for the next regular term for
5 such office, and the person's name may be printed for both
6 candidacies on the same official general ballot. To the name of each
7 candidate for a state office shall be added the name of the city in
8 which the candidate resides. To the names of pairs of candidates
9 running for governor and lieutenant governor shall be added the
10 name of the city in which or near which each resides. To the name of
11 each candidate for any national, state, county or township offices shall
12 be added the person's political party or political designation in
13 accordance with the nomination papers of the person.

14 (b) *A person's name may be printed on the general election ballot
15 more than once if the person is a candidate for a municipality office unless
16 otherwise prohibited by law.*

17 Sec.-18- 19. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as
18 follows: 25-1115. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the
19 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of both even-numbered
20 and odd-numbered years, and in the case of an election of any officers to
21 fill vacancies held on a date other than the Tuesday following the first
22 Monday in November, the election at which any such officer is finally
23 elected.

24 (b) "Primary election" means the elections held on the first Tuesday
25 in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years and any other
26 preliminary election held on a date other than the first Tuesday in August
27 at which part of the candidates for election to any national, state, county,
28 city, school or other municipal office are eliminated by the process of the
29 election but at which no officer is finally elected.

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

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

36 (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on
37 the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered
38 even-numbered years, and in the case of special elections of any school
39 officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally
40 elected.

41 (b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in
42 August of each odd-numbered even-numbered year, and any other
43 preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to

1 any school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which
2 no officer is finally elected.

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

6 Sec.—20. 21. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows:
7 25-2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections
8 shall be conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the
9 school district. Board member general elections shall be held on the
10 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of ~~odd-numbered even-~~
11 ~~numbered~~ years. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in
12 August of ~~odd-numbered even-numbered~~ years.

13 Sec.—21. 22. K.S.A. 25-2017a is hereby amended to read as follows:
14 25-2017a. The clerk of the board of education of every school district shall
15 certify to the county election officer of the home county of the school
16 district a list of all school offices to be voted upon at each school election,
17 any boundary changes of member districts since the last preceding election
18 and the voting plan to be used as defined in K.S.A. 25-2005, and
19 amendments thereto, not later than May 1 of each ~~odd-numbered even-~~
20 ~~numbered~~ year. A copy of the above information shall be furnished to the
21 county election officer of every county in which a part of the territory of
22 the school district is located.

23 Sec.—22. 23. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows: 25-2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question
25 submitted elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this
26 section.

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

37 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form
38 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part
39 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this
40 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe
41 any particular form.

42 (d) On or before June 10 of each ~~odd-numbered even-numbered~~ year,
43 a notice of primary elections shall be published by the county election

1 officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school
2 district, if a primary election is required to be held. Notice of the election
3 shall also be published on the website of the county election office of any
4 county where the election is to be conducted. Such notice shall remain on
5 the website until the day after the election. The notice shall state: (1) The
6 name of the school district; (2) the date of the primary election; (3) the
7 names of the candidates and the office or position for which each is a
8 candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each voting place is
9 to serve; and (5) the times of opening and closing of the polls. Description
10 of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county election officer.

11 (e) On or before September 1 of each ~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year, a notice of the general election shall be published by the county
12 election officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the
13 school district. Notice of the election shall also be published on the
14 website of the county election office of any county where the election is to
15 be conducted. Such notice shall be published not less than 21 days prior to
16 the election and shall remain on the website until the day after the election.
17 The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the date of
18 the general election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or
19 position for which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and
20 the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the time of opening and
21 closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be
22 determined by the county election officer.

23 (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district
24 shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments
25 thereto. The notice shall state: (1) the name of the school district; (2) the
26 date of the election; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond
27 election; (4) the proposition to be voted upon; (5) the hours of opening and
28 closing of the polls; (6) the voting place or places and the area each voting
29 place is to serve; and (7) any other information specifically required by
30 law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county
31 election officer.

32 Sec.-~~23.~~ **24.** K.S.A. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as follows:
33 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the elections held on the Tuesday
34 succeeding the first Monday in November of ~~both odd-numbered and~~
35 even-numbered years, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
36 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

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

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

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

1 Sec.-~~24.~~ **25.** K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 25-2107. (a) The general election of city officers shall be held on the
3 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of each-~~odd-numbered~~
4 and even-numbered years year, if needed.

5 (b) A primary may be held on the first Tuesday in August of each
6 ~~odd-numbered and even-numbered year, if needed, as prescribed in K.S.A.~~
7 ~~25-205 and 25-2108a, and amendments thereto.~~

8 Sec.-~~25.~~ **26.** K.S.A. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as follows:
9 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on the first
10 Tuesday in August of each-~~odd-numbered and even-numbered year, if~~
11 ~~needed.~~

12 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there
13 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the
14 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary
15 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates
16 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the
17 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there
18 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district, there shall
19 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed
20 on the ballots in the general election.

21 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in
22 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there
23 are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there
24 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of
25 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest
26 number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the
27 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of
28 candidates as there are members to be elected, there shall not be a primary
29 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in
30 the general election.

31 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names
32 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates
33 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office
34 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The
35 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name
36 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote
37 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary
38 city election ballots.

39 Sec.-~~26.~~ **27.** K.S.A. 25-21a03 is hereby amended to read as follows:
40 25-21a03. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the style and form of the
41 official primary ballot and the official general election ballot for municipal
42 offices.

43 (b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be

1 prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations for any municipality
2 shall be filed with the county election officer not later than ~~12 noon 12:00~~
3 ~~p.m.~~, June 1, prior to the primary election in ~~both~~ even-numbered ~~and odd~~
4 ~~numbered~~ years, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday,
5 then before ~~12 noon 12:00 p.m.~~ of the next day that is not a Saturday,
6 Sunday or holiday.

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

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

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

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

15 Sec. ~~27~~ 28. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the
17 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the
18 following:

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

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

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

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

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

32 (6) the day of any primary or general election or any question
33 submitted election.

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

37 (c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of
38 the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general
39 elections. The days so specified by the secretary of state shall be
40 conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of state by mail at
41 least 60 days preceding every primary and general election.

42 (d) *On* the last days before closing of registration books as directed
43 by the secretary of state under subsection (c), county election officers shall

1 provide for registration of voters during regular business hours, during the
2 noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon such days as the
3 county election officers deem necessary. The last three business days
4 before closing of registration books prior to primary and general elections,
5 county election officers may provide for registration of voters until ~~9~~ 9:00
6 p.m. in any city.

7 (e) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), county election officers
8 shall accept and process applications received by voter registration
9 agencies and the division of motor vehicles not later than the 21st day
10 preceding the date of any election or mailed voter registration applications
11 that are postmarked not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any
12 election except, if the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter
13 registration applications received in the mail not later than the ninth day
14 preceding the day of any election.

15 (2) For any presidential preference primary election held pursuant to
16 K.S.A. 25-4501a, and amendments thereto, county election officers shall
17 accept and process applications received by voter registration agencies and
18 the division of motor vehicles not later than the 31st day preceding the date
19 of such election or mailed voter registration applications that are
20 postmarked not later than the 31st day preceding such election except, if
21 the postmark is illegible or missing, mailed voter registration applications
22 received in the mail not later than the 19th day preceding the day of such
23 election.

24 (f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting
25 the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration
26 shall be open, days when registration shall be closed; and days when it is
27 optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or
28 closed.

29 (g) Before each primary and general election held in even-numbered
30 ~~and odd-numbered~~ years; and at times and in a form prescribed by the
31 secretary of state, each county election officer shall certify to the secretary
32 of state the number of registered voters in each precinct of the county as
33 shown by the registration books in the office of such county election
34 officer.

35 Sec.~~28~~ 29. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as
36 follows: 25-2502. (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 township, city, school or other municipal office are eliminated by the
4 process of the 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. ~~29.~~ 30. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-3009 is hereby amended to read as
9 follows: 25-3009. (a) After an election and prior to the meeting of the
10 county board of canvassers to certify the official election results for any
11 election in which the canvassers certify the results, the county election
12 officer shall conduct a manual audit or tally of each vote cast, regardless of
13 the method of voting, in 1% of all precincts, with a minimum of one
14 precinct located within the county. The precinct or precincts shall be
15 randomly selected, and the selection shall take place after the election.

16 (b) (1) The audit shall be performed manually and shall review all
17 paper ballots selected pursuant to subsection (a). The audit shall be
18 performed by a sworn election board consisting of bipartisan trained board
19 members. The county election officer shall determine the members of the
20 sworn election board who will conduct the audit.

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

22 (A) In presidential election years:

23 (i) One federal race;
24 (ii) one state legislative race;
25 (iii) one county race; *and*
26 (iv) one constitutional amendment question, if any; *and*
27 (v) *two municipal races randomly selected after the election.*

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

29 (i) One federal race;
30 (ii) one statewide race;
31 (iii) one state legislative race;
32 (iv) one county race; and
33 (v) one constitutional amendment question, if any; *and*
34 (iv) *two municipal races randomly selected after the election.*

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

43 (D) ~~In odd-numbered election years, two local races will be randomly~~

1 selected, and the selection shall take place after the election.

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

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

9 (d) The results of the audit shall be compared to the unofficial
10 election night returns, and a report shall be submitted to the county
11 election office and to the secretary of state's office prior to the meeting of
12 the county board of canvassers. If a discrepancy is reported between the
13 audit and the unofficial returns and cannot be resolved, the county election
14 officer or the secretary of state may require audits of additional precincts.
15 Once the audit has been completed, the results of the audit shall be used by
16 the county board of canvassers when certifying the official election results.

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

24 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations governing
25 the conduct and procedure of the audit, including the random selection of
26 the precincts and offices involved in the audit.

27 **Sec. 30. 31.** K.S.A. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as follows: 42-
28 706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of directors consisting
29 of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote as provided in
30 subsection (g) and residents of a county in which the district or a portion
31 thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in which such irrigation
32 district or a portion thereof is located. Such members shall hold office for a
33 period of two or four years, such term of office being established by the
34 board of directors by passage of a resolution, and each shall serve until a
35 successor has been elected and qualified. The members of the board of
36 directors first elected after the creation of an irrigation district shall hold
37 their respective offices until the next regular election for the election of
38 directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of this section except that the
39 terms of the three directors shall be as provided in subsection (e) of this
40 section.

41 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the
42 incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the
43 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted

1 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of
2 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief
3 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating
4 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as
5 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or
6 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed
7 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places
8 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more
9 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the
10 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of
11 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district
12 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute
13 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members
14 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election,
15 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the
16 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place
17 of any absent member.

18 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres
19 ~~which~~ that was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall
20 establish three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in
21 acreage and designate the same as the first, second or third voting area.
22 The board shall also establish and designate the polling place or places
23 within each voting area. At the first election held after the effective date of
24 this act, a director shall be elected for the term length established by the
25 board.

26 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be
27 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except
28 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11
29 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto,
30 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of
31 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection (g). The forms
32 for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120, and
33 amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as provided
34 in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified to
35 establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the
36 district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to canvass
37 the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of the
38 county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation
39 district is located and the chief engineer the result of such election. The
40 clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such elections and shall
41 express or mail the same by registered mail to the county election officer
42 of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the
43 irrigation district is located. The county election officer shall canvass the

1 ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving the highest
2 number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first election
3 after creation of a district the county election officer of the county in
4 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is
5 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of
6 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three
7 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each
8 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer
9 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a
10 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon
11 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by
12 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor
13 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board
14 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000—~~which~~.
15 *Such* oath and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the
16 county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation
17 district is located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to
18 the district a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of
19 the amount, as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's
20 hands as treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond
21 of the treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon
22 approval of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such
23 approval thereon and file the same in the office of the county election
24 officer and shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in
25 which the registered office of the irrigation district is located of such
26 approval and filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the
27 treasurer's bond, the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit
28 to be commenced thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not
29 be necessary to include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money
30 collected shall be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have
31 been applied by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or
32 refuse to prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided
33 in subsection (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety
34 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid
35 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director
36 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the
37 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve
38 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed
39 to fill.

40 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the
41 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of
42 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail
43 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to

1 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer.
2 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of
3 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall
4 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration
5 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

6 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be
7 held the Tuesday following the first Monday in November in—~~odd~~
8 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* years. Any districts organized after the regular
9 election shall hold its election at the next regular election following
10 incorporation of the district and, at this election three directors shall be
11 elected and the person receiving the highest number of votes shall serve
12 for a term of four years, the persons receiving the second and third highest
13 number of votes shall serve for a term of two years. In case the first
14 election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and
15 the day preceding the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of
16 the next succeeding—~~odd~~
17 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* year, the next regular
18 election shall be held in the second succeeding—~~odd~~
19 ~~numbered~~ *even-numbered* year. At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall
20 be elected each year for a term of four years. Any person desiring to be a
21 candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's
22 declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in
23 which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located.
24 Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in K.S.A. 25-
25 205 and 25-21a03, and amendments thereto, ~~and K.S.A. 25-205, and~~
26 ~~amendments thereto~~. The county election officer shall prepare the ballot,
27 and place the names thereon in alphabetical order and shall supply election
28 officials with necessary ballots and polling books at the irrigation district's
29 expense. At least five days before any election, the county clerks of the
30 various counties within which a portion of the district is located, shall
31 cause to be ascertained the names of all persons entitled to vote as
32 provided in subsection (g) and shall furnish lists thereof to each election
33 board within such county and to the secretary of the board of directors of
34 the district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the general
35 election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper
36 of general circulation in the district in accordance with K.S.A. 25-105, and
37 amendments thereto. The results of all special or bond elections shall be
38 made available to the secretary of the district. All expenses of election, not
39 otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of
40 the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same
compensation as provided under general election laws.

41 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section
42 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general
43 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of

1 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons
2 entitled to vote as provided in subsection (g) for the purpose of electing
3 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March.
4 Notice of the time and place of holding said annual meeting shall be given
5 in some newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the district for
6 one issue at least 30 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the
7 annual meeting shall be by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under
8 subsection (d)~~of this section~~. All persons desiring to be voted upon as
9 director shall at least 30 days before the day of holding the annual meeting
10 file such person's name with the secretary of the board of directors of the
11 district, affixed to a statement that such person desires such person's name
12 to be placed on the ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors
13 of the district. The board of directors shall appoint three owners of
14 irrigable land in the district to serve as an election board at the annual
15 meeting. After the votes are cast at the annual meeting the election board
16 shall proceed to canvass the votes and shall certify to the county election
17 officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of
18 the irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such
19 election. All provisions of this section not inconsistent with the provisions
20 of *this* subsection~~(f)~~ shall apply to the election of directors at the annual
21 meeting.

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

27 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-
28 715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be
29 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is
30 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto,~~which that~~ has been
31 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are
32 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to
33 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area
34 shall vote in the voting area~~which that~~ includes the greatest portion of
35 such person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors"
36 ~~shall include~~ *includes* a person who is the legal qualified owner of
37 irrigable land or a person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust,
38 corporation, association or partnership~~which that~~ is the legal qualified
39 owner of irrigable land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the
40 district. Such trust, corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed
41 only one vote. The person authorized by such entity to vote shall be
42 someone who is not otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

43 Sec.~~-31.~~ **32.** K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows:

1 71-1408. Change of method of election in any community college district
2 may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the
3 period beginning on the first Wednesday in November of each-~~odd-~~
4 ~~numbered even-numbered~~ year and ending on the first Tuesday in June of
5 each-~~even-numbered~~ ~~odd-numbered~~ year, if such change is also approved
6 in a manner authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new
7 method of election in such district shall be followed in the election of
8 trustees next following such change and shall continue in force until again
9 changed in the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election
10 shall not shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time
11 *that* the change is made.

12 Sec.-~~32.~~ **33.** K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows:
13 71-1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be
14 conducted by the county election officer of the county in which the main
15 campus of the college is located. In any college district having territory in
16 more than one county, the county election officers of all such counties
17 shall cooperate with the county election officer of the county in which the
18 main campus is located, and upon establishing any new community
19 college or adding territory to any of the community college districts, the
20 state board, ~~in accordance with this section~~, shall specify the county in
21 which the main campus shall be located for the purpose of this section.
22 General community college elections shall be held on the Tuesday
23 following the first Monday in November of each-~~odd-numbered~~ *even-*
24 *numbered* year.

25 (b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the first
26 Tuesday of August of each-~~odd-numbered~~ *even-numbered* year in
27 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

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

32 Sec.-~~33.~~ **34.** K.S.A. 71-1422 is hereby amended to read as follows:
33 71-1422. (a) As used in this section:

34 (1) "Cowley county community college district" means the taxing
35 district of Cowley county community college.

36 (2) "Sumner county election officer" means the county clerk of
37 Sumner county.

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

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

42 (1) The board of trustees of Cowley county community college shall
43 be composed of board members from Cowley county community college

1 elected pursuant to K.S.A. 71-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto, and
2 an additional member elected by the qualified electors of Sumner county.
3 The board of trustees of Cowley county community college shall adopt
4 and implement an additional member plan as provided in this section. The
5 board's additional member plan shall include a determination as to whether
6 the board has adopted a six or seven member plan for member elections in
7 the Cowley county community college district. The provisions of K.S.A.
8 71-1401 et seq., and amendments thereto, shall apply to the member
9 elections in the Cowley county community college district.

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

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

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

21 (5) If there are more than three candidates for the additional member,
22 the Sumner county election officer shall call and hold a primary election.
23 The names of the two candidates who receive the greatest number of votes
24 at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If
25 there are three or fewer candidates, there shall not be a primary election
26 and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the
27 general election.

28 (6) If an additional member is to be elected to fill an unexpired term,
29 the Sumner county election officer shall call and hold a primary election if
30 there are more than three candidates for such unexpired term. The names
31 of two candidates for such unexpired term receiving the greatest number of
32 votes shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three
33 or fewer candidates for the unexpired term of the additional member, there
34 shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be
35 placed on the ballots in the general election.

36 (7) In general elections for the additional member, one blank line for
37 the names of write-in candidates shall be printed on the ballots at the end
38 of the list of candidates. The purpose of such blank line shall be to permit
39 the voter to insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for
40 whom such voter desires to vote for such position. No lines for write-in
41 candidates shall appear on primary election ballots for the additional
42 member.

43 (8) All qualified electors who reside in Sumner county may vote in

1 both the primary and general elections for the additional member.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (d) The first additional member shall be elected for a two-year term
20 commencing on the second Monday in January, ~~2018~~, following the
21 election. All subsequent additional members shall be elected for a four-
22 year term commencing on the second Monday in January following the
23 election.

24 (e) The Cowley county community college board of trustees shall be
25 composed of those members elected pursuant to K.S.A. 71-1401 et seq.,
26 and amendments thereto, and the additional member, for so long as
27 Sumner county provides financial support for the benefit of Cowley
28 county community college in the form of a countywide retailers' sales tax
29 or an ad valorem property tax levied on all taxable tangible property
30 located in Sumner county. If Sumner county terminates such financial
31 support or if the financial support lapses:

32 (1) The Cowley county community college board of trustees shall
33 discontinue implementation of the additional member plan at the
34 expiration of the additional member's term or upon the vacancy of the
35 additional member position;

36 (2) the Cowley county community college board of trustees shall
37 send notice of discontinued financial support to the Sumner county
38 election officer;

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

43 (4) the additional member may continue to serve as the additional

1 member on the Cowley county board of trustees until the expiration of
2 such member's term of office or until a vacancy occurs in the additional
3 member position.

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

7 Sec.~~34.~~ 35. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows:
8 80-2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four
9 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members
10 of boards. The four methods are:

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

14 (2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the
15 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
16 hospital.

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

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.

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

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

14 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph
15 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election, including ballots for that
16 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election
17 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective
18 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall
19 certify the results of the votes cast in ~~its~~ *each such* county to the board of
20 county canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were
21 prepared.

22 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is
23 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of
24 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
25 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
26 qualified to vote.

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

1 ~~board members.~~

2 Sec.-~~35.~~ **36.** K.S.A. 2-623, 2-624, 13-1221, 13-1702, 19-2760, 19-
3 3505, 24-412, 24-459, 24-504, 24-506, 25-205, 25-210, 25-610, 25-611,
4 **25-613**, 25-2010, 25-2017a, 25-2102, 25-2107, 25-2108a, 25-21a01, 25-
5 21a03, 42-706, 71-1408, 71-1413, 71-1422 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2025
6 Supp. 25-213, 25-303, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2018, 25-2311, 25-2502 and
7 25-3009 are hereby repealed.

8 Sec.-~~36.~~ **37.** This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
9 January 1, 2028, and its publication in the Kansas register.