

## HOUSE BILL No. 2490

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Waggoner

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to signature verification  
2 requirements for advance voting ballot envelopes; amending K.S.A.  
3 25-1121 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 25-  
4 1117, 25-1118, 25-1119, 25-1120, 25-1121, 25-1122a, 25-1122b, 25-  
5 1122c, 25-1122d, 25-1122f, 25-1123, 25-1125, 25-1126, 25-1128, 25-  
6 1129, 25-1130, 25-1131, 25-1134, 25-1135, 25-1136, 25-1137, 25-1138,  
7 25-1139 and K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-1122 and 25-1124.  
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9 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

10 New Section 1. The secretary of state shall monitor all litigation  
11 challenging the validity of the signature verification requirements  
12 contained in K.S.A. 25-1124(h), and amendments thereto. If any state or  
13 federal court of competent jurisdiction enters a final order or judgment that  
14 is no longer subject to appeal and invalidates or enjoins the enforcement of  
15 the signature verification requirements contained in K.S.A. 25-1124(h),  
16 and amendments thereto, then the secretary of state shall cause notice of  
17 such enactment to be published in the Kansas register at the time of the  
18 next regular publication of the Kansas register following the date such  
19 order or judgment is issued. Upon such publication in the Kansas register,  
20 the statutory authorization for advance voting by mail in Kansas shall be  
21 null and void in its entirety. In such event, voting by mail shall not be  
22 permitted in this state except to the extent specifically required by federal  
23 law, including, but not limited to, the uniformed and overseas citizens  
24 absentee voting act, 52 U.S.C. § 20301 et seq.

25 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-1121 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-  
26 1121. (a) The secretary of state shall prescribe the general forms of  
27 advance voting ballots to be used in all primary and general elections and  
28 the form of the printed instructions to voters containing a statement of all  
29 the requirements of this act; to enable voters to comply with the  
30 requirements of this act. The prescribed forms shall be transmitted to the  
31 county election officers 35 days before each primary and general election.

32 (b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the general format of  
33 advance voting ballot envelopes. The envelopes shall include signature  
34 blocks for the advance voter; a signature block for the person, if any,  
35 assisting the advance voter; and a signature block for a person, if any, who

1 signs the advance voting ballot envelope on behalf of the advance voter in  
2 situations when the advance voter is physically unable to sign the envelope  
3 *or unable to sign the envelope consistent with a signature of the voter on*  
4 *file in the voter registration database.*

5 (c) The advance ballot envelope shall contain the following statement  
6 after the signature block provided for the person who signs the advance  
7 ballot envelope on behalf of a person *who is either* physically unable to  
8 sign such envelope *or unable to sign the envelope consistent with a*  
9 *signature of the voter on file in the voter registration database:*

10 "My signature constitutes an affidavit that the person for whom I  
11 signed the envelope is ~~a person who is~~ physically unable to sign ~~such~~  
12 ~~envelope~~ *or unable to sign the envelope consistent with the signature of*  
13 *the voter on file in the voter registration database.* ~~By signing this~~  
14 ~~envelope,~~ I swear *that* this information is true ~~and correct~~, and *I*  
15 *acknowledge* that signing an advance ballot envelope under false pretenses  
16 shall constitute the crime of perjury."

17 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-1121 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 4. On July 1, 2026, and the date of publication in the Kansas  
19 register of the notice prescribed in section 1 of this act, K.S.A. 25-1117,  
20 25-1118, 25-1119, 25-1120, 25-1121, 25-1122a, 25-1122b, 25-1122c, 25-  
21 1122d, 25-1122f, 25-1123, 25-1125, 25-1126, 25-1128, 25-1129, 25-1130,  
22 25-1131, 25-1134, 25-1135, 25-1136, 25-1137, 25-1138, 25-1139 and  
23 K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-1122 and 25-1124 are hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
25 publication in the statute book.