

## HOUSE BILL No. 2493

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Proctor

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots;  
2 requiring a person transmitting or delivering a ballot on behalf of  
3 another voter to include such person's driver's license number in the  
4 written statement on the ballot envelope; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp.  
5 25-2437 and repealing the existing section.

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

8 Section 1. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2437 is hereby amended to read as  
9 follows: 25-2437. (a) No person shall knowingly transmit or deliver an  
10 advance voting ballot to the county election officer or polling place on  
11 behalf of a voter who is not such person, unless the person submits a  
12 written statement accompanying the ballot at the time of ballot delivery to  
13 the county election officer or polling place as provided in this section. Any  
14 written statement shall be transmitted or signed by both the voter and the  
15 person transmitting or delivering such ballot and shall be delivered only by  
16 such person. The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary  
17 of state and shall contain:

18 (1) A sworn statement from the person transmitting or delivering such  
19 ballot affirming that such person *is a qualified elector and* has not:

20 (A) Exercised undue influence on the voting decision of the voter; or  
21 (B) transmitted or delivered more than 10 advance voting ballots on  
22 behalf of other persons during the election in which the ballot is being  
23 cast;

24 (2) *the identification number of such person's driver's license or*  
25 *nondriver's identification card; and*

26 (2)(3) a sworn statement by the voter affirming that:

27 (A) The voter has authorized such person to transmit or deliver the  
28 voter's ballot to a county election officer or polling place; and

29 (B) such person has not exercised undue influence on the voting  
30 decision of the voter.

31 (b) (1) No candidate for office shall knowingly transmit or deliver an  
32 advance voting ballot to the county election officer or polling place on  
33 behalf of a voter who is not such person, except on behalf of an immediate  
34 family member of such candidate.

35 (2) For purposes of this subsection, ~~the term~~ "candidate for office"

1 means an individual who has declared such individual's candidacy  
2 pursuant to K.S.A. 25-205 et seq., and amendments thereto, or has been  
3 nominated for elected office pursuant to K.S.A. 25-301 et seq., and  
4 amendments thereto, in the election for which the voter applied for an  
5 advance voting ballot.

6 (c) No person shall transmit or deliver more than 10 advance voting  
7 ballots on behalf of other voters during an election.

8 (d) (1) A violation of subsection (a) or (b) is a severity level 9,  
9 nonperson felony.

10 (2) A violation of subsection (c) is a class B misdemeanor.

11 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 25-2437 is hereby repealed.

12 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
13 publication in the statute book.