

HOUSE BILL No. 2494

By Committee on Elections

Requested by Representative Proctor

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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to candidate names on ballots; allowing a candidate for a nonpartisan office to have such candidate's political party affiliation added on the ballot with such candidate's name; amending K.S.A. 25-613 and repealing the existing section.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 25-613 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-613. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the name of each candidate shall be printed on the ballot only once and no name that is printed on the ballot shall be written elsewhere on the ballot. If a person is a candidate for the unexpired term for an office, such person's name may be printed on the same ballot as a candidate of the same political party for the next regular term for such office. ~~Also,~~ A person may be an independent candidate for the unexpired term for an office and an independent candidate for the next regular term for such office, and the person's name may be printed for both candidacies on the same official general ballot.

(b) To the name of each candidate for a state office shall be added the name of the city in which the candidate resides.

(c) To the names of pairs of candidates running for governor and lieutenant governor shall be added the name of the city in ~~which~~ or near to which each resides.

(d) To the name of each candidate for any national, state, county or township offices shall be added ~~the person's~~ *such candidate's* political party or political designation in accordance with the nomination papers of ~~the person~~ *such candidate*.

(e) *A candidate for any office other than a national, state, county or township office may elect to have such candidate's political party or political affiliation added to such candidate's name on the ballot. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted by a city, county, township, school district or any other political subdivision of this state, including, but not limited to, any ordinance, resolution or regulation adopted on or before July 1, 2026, that is in direct conflict with the provisions of this subsection shall be null and void.*

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-613 is hereby repealed.

1 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
2 publication in the Kansas register.