

HOUSE BILL No. 2080

By Committee on Elections

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to extension districts; amending
2 K.S.A. 2-624 and repealing the existing section.

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

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-
6 624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be composed
7 of four representatives from each county included in the extension
8 district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to
9 membership on the governing body of the district, the four members
10 representing each county in an extension district shall be elected in a
11 county wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

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

19 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election to elect
20 successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring
21 shall be held on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year.

22 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an
23 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results
24 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections
25 except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than ~~12:00~~ noon of the
26 Wednesday next following the Tuesday, ~~five~~10 weeks preceding the first
27 Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years, each person desiring to be a
28 candidate for membership on the governing body, in any election, shall
29 file a declaration of candidacy with the county election officer of the
30 county represented by the member of the governing body whose
31 successor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. The county
32 election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon
33 shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order.

34 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension
35 district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other
36 elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county

1 election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons
2 within the district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists
3 thereof to the judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of
4 holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be
5 given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous
6 place in the office of the governing body at least five days before the
7 holding thereof.

8 (4) All election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.
9 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under
10 the general election laws.

11 ~~(e)~~(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an
12 extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body
13 for the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a
14 resident of the county which was represented by the member creating the
15 vacancy.

16 ~~(f)~~(e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize
17 annually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-
18 chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

19 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby repealed.

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