

**SENATE BILL No. 169**

By Senators Hensley, Haley, Kelly and Kultala

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election commissioners;  
2 amending K.S.A. 19-3419 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. 19-3419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-  
6 3419. In counties of this state having a population exceeding 130,000,  
7 there shall be an office of commissioner of elections, which shall be  
8 administered by an election commissioner. The election commissioner  
9 shall be appointed by the ~~secretary of state board of county~~  
10 *commissioners* and shall hold office for a term of four years and until a  
11 successor is appointed and qualified. The ~~secretary of state board of~~  
12 *county commissioners* may remove the election commissioner for official  
13 misconduct. Upon occurrence of a vacancy in the office of county  
14 election commissioner, the ~~secretary of state board of county~~  
15 *commissiners* shall appoint a successor. If the vacancy occurs before the  
16 expiration of a term of office, the appointment shall be for the unexpired  
17 term. Such election commissioner shall have been a qualified elector and  
18 a resident of the county at least two years prior to appointment. Within 10  
19 days after receiving official notice of the appointment and before entering  
20 upon the duties of the office, the election commissioner shall take,  
21 subscribe and cause to be filed in the office of the secretary of state an  
22 oath of office for the faithful discharge of official duties.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-3419 is hereby repealed.

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

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