

Bill Section	Statute	Subject	Why Change Needed
Sec. 01	NEW	Administration	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Clarifies the roles of Secretary of State and County Election Officers
Sec. 02	NEW	Security: qualifications of County Election Officer	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Prohibits anyone from being a County Election Officer if convicted of an election crime
Sec. 03	NEW	Security: voting machines	<b>Security:</b> Creates crime of unauthorized copy or distribution of election-related equipment hard drives. In several states individuals copied hard drives and either sold or provided them to third parties.
Sec. 04	10-0120	Timing: bond election	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Adjust call for election to be more than 60 days to make consistent with state military ballot laws. Many other election laws reference KSA 10-120 for timing.
Sec. 04	10-0120	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required for bond elections and elections using bond elections procedures
Sec. 05	15-0809	Timing: third class city selling utility	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Adjust call for election to be more than 60 days to make consistent with state military ballot laws. Issue occurred in 2020.
Sec. 05	15-0809	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required for third class city selling utility election
Sec. 06	19-0303	Vacancy: county clerk	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Eliminate county residency requirement to fill vacancy. County clerk is the only position where the clerk-elect does not need to be a county resident, but a person must be a county resident to fill a vacancy. This allows rural counties to reach outside boundaries for qualified candidates.
Sec. 07	19-0804	Vacancy: sheriff	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Adjust to require new sheriff filing a vacancy to be county resident beginning only when sworn in. Allows for electing a qualified candidate residing and working outside the county but who will move into the county if selected by precinct convention.
Sec. 08	19-3419	County Election Commissioner	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Add provision about how to count population, i.e., use census
Sec. 08	19-3419	County Election Commissioner	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Eliminate residency requirement for election commissioner so Secretary of State has broader pool of candidates for what is becoming a technically specialized management position.

Sec. 09	19-3422	County Election Commissioner	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Make K.S.A. 19-3419 and 19-3422 the same population cutoff to require an election commissioner: 130,000 - currently one has 100,000 the other has 130,000
Sec. 10	19-3424(a)(1), (3)	Administration: standardize terms	<b>Vague:</b> Drop reference to "nominating paper," use 'nominating petitions.'
Sec. 10	19-3424(a)(2)	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required notice of candidates and elections
Sec. 11	19-3439	County Election Commissioner	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Change the fixed population number (140,000 to 220,000) to 'county with commissioner'
Sec. 12	25-0105	Timing: notice of elections	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Adjust notice time to send names to nominated people 50 days before the election so they can verify
Sec. 12	25-0105	Timing: notice of elections	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Adjust public notice time to 30 days before the election - currently the notice of election is transmitted after the start of advance voting
Sec. 12	25-0105	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required
Sec. 13	25-0203(b)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Delete subsection (b) it only deals with 1992
Sec. 14	25-0208a	Precinct leaders	<b>Process Improvement:</b> County elections must verify precinct leader candidate eligibility: multiple counties had precinct leader candidates who were not eligible for the office, but there is no provision to object to their candidacy
Sec. 15	25-0211	Timing: pre-election ballot inspection	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Time frame incompatible with advance voting. Change the deadline to send candidate list to candidates and political parties to 50 days before Election Day. Currently it is 2 weeks, which is after advance voting begins. Goal is to find errors in time to fix ballot
Sec. 16	25-0212	Administration: name rotation - primary election	<b>Not Possible:</b> No clear guidance on how to rotate ballot names where a contest has more candidates than precincts or when large counties have too high a proportion of voters
Sec. 17	25-0213(d)	Precinct leaders	<b>Process Improvement:</b> No write-in precinct leader candidate who is not a resident, qualified elector, and affiliated with the party. Sometimes an unqualified individual wins the write-in vote and there is no mechanism to object
Sec. 18	25-0303(a)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete:</b> Update 'April election' reference

Sec. 18	25-0303(i) [new]	Administration: independent candidate nominations	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Set state canvass as deadline to certify signatures in petition. Complaint from Sen. Pyle who confused party candidate petition with independent candidate petition
Sec. 19	25-0305	Write-in candidates: affidavit of write-in candidacy - national and state offices	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Move the date back to file write-in petition from second Monday before general election to fourth Monday for all federal and state offices. Make applicable to all national and state offices. Goal: Limit the number of write-in candidates we need to track - saves time for counties
Sec. 19	25-0305	Write-in candidates: affidavit of write-in candidacy - national and state offices	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Set certificate of write-in candidate fee same as for filing declaration of intent under K.S.A. 25-206
Sec. 19	25-0305b	Write-in candidates: affidavit of write-in candidacy - president and vice president	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Duplicates 25-305
Sec. 20	25-0308(c)	Administration: State Objections Board	Process Improvement: Clarify that each member may appoint a designee to serve on the objections board. This is the current practice. This clarification has been requested by the last three Governors.
Sec. 21	25-0321	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> drop "after" - incorrect word
Sec. 22	25-0432	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> remove (f)(7) and (f)(13): the sections internally referenced in the all mail ballot election statute have been repealed
Sec. 23	25-0433(e)	Security: all mail ballot elections	<b>Inconsistent:</b> Make the signature verification procedures for all mail ballot elections the same as for advance by mail ballots (K.S.A. 25-1124(b) and (h))
Sec. 24	25-0604(b)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Remove reference to the presidential preference primary
Sec. 25	25-0610	Administration: name rotation - primary election	<b>Not Possible:</b> No clear guidance on how to rotate ballot names - large counties have too high a proportion of votes
Sec. 26	25-0901	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Eliminate line about state party certified audited reporting. It is outdated, confusing, and contradicts other parts of the statute. Law is not under Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission jurisdiction
Sec. 27	25-1122(g)	Administration: in-person advance voting	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Monday before election, in person voting still mandatory until noon but no longer mandatory for in-person voting to be held at county election office - interferes with Election Day preparation for larger counties
Sec. 27	25-1122(j)	Security: permanent advance voting list	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Reduce from four years to two years the period in which non-voting could trigger sending a notice to ensure the voter still wants to be on the permanent list at that address. Does <u>not</u> affect voter registration status. Will save counties money

Sec. 27	25-1122(m) [new]	Security: advance voting	<b>Security:</b> Prohibit mass ballot mailings to voters without a request unless under Mail Ballot Act, KSA 25-431, et seq, or Permanent Advance Voting. It is not authorized, now it would be expressly prohibited
Sec. 28	25-1214(a)	Administration: statute reference	<b>Vague:</b> wrong citation to UOCAVA: change 42 U.S.C. § 1973ff to 52 U.S.C. § 20301
Sec. 29	25-1903	Timing: State Board of Education candidate filing	<b>Inconsistent:</b> Move filing deadline for SBOE from June 10 to June 1 to make consistent with other elections. Litigation has occurred with separate deadlines
Sec. 30	25-2005(b)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> school district, delete definition - not used anywhere in Chap 25, Art 20. Only used in Chap 72, Art 10 - School Board Elections
Sec. 31	25-2008(b)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Strike reference to State Superintendent - position abolished in 1968
Sec. 32	25-2018	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required for school district elections
Sec. 33	25-2021	Write in: school district primary election	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Write-in name must be qualified elector resident of district. Individuals have won as a write-in who were not district residents
Sec. 34	25-21a02(a)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Directive to publicize change from spring to fall for local elections is no longer necessary
Sec. 35	25-2310	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting of registration times and places on website when posting in newspaper is required
Sec. 36	25-2507(e) [new]	Administration: definitions	<b>Vague:</b> Defines an election "abstract" (was subject to litigation)
Sec. 37	25-26a03	Administration: precinct boundaries	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Excessive freeze period when boundaries cannot be modified. Gives county election officers greater ability to modify precinct boundaries as needed to improve election administration
Sec. 38	25-2702	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required for dividing townships into precincts
Sec. 39	25-2703	Security: polling place control	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Clarifies that supervising Election Judge always had the authority to expand the exclusion zone around equipment and pollbooks beyond three feet
Sec. 40	25-2704	Administration: all hand count system	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify these procedures are used only if there are no tabulators, i.e., all hand count
Sec. 41	25-2705	Administration: all hand count system	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify these procedures are used only if there are no tabulators, i.e., all hand count
Sec. 42	25-2706	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Furnish and post instruction, books, and materials online

Sec. 43	25-2805	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Delete provision allowing voters to pick poll workers if none show up
Sec. 44	25-2812(d)	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> Strike provision allowing DRE machines to be used in nursing homes. DREs are no longer allowed in Kansas
Sec. 45	25-2905	Administration: all hand count system	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify these procedures are used only if there are no tabulators, i.e., all hand count
Sec. 46	25-3002	Administration: canvassing	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Allow counting partial provisional ballot if unaffiliated voter casts a partisan ballot
Sec. 47	25-3005	Administration: poll agents	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Clarifies that poll agents can be at recounts and audits
Sec. 48	25-3005a	Security: poll agents	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Cap the maximum number of authorized precinct leader poll agents allowed at a single polling place. No change to candidate authorized poll agents
Sec. 49	25-3009	Post-Election Audit: constitutional amendment	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Clarifies constitutional amendment votes are audited
Sec. 49	25-3009	Post-Election Audit: ballot images	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Makes clear that ballot images can be used for post-election audits. This was the original intent and current practice.
Sec. 50	25-3104	Transparency: also post on website	<b>Transparency:</b> Mandate posting on website when posting in newspaper is required for county canvass
Sec. 51	25-3107(b)	Recount:	<b>Vague:</b> Use "last meeting" of county canvass as trigger for recount to take into account multi-day canvasses
Sec. 51	25-3107(c)(1)	Recount: includes constitutional amendment	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify that recount provisions apply to constitutional amendments
Sec. 51	25-3107(c)(2)	Recount: timing of request	<b>Conflicting Laws:</b> Reconcile K.S.A. 25-3104 canvas 13 days after election with K.S.A. 25-3107 recount must be requested 10 days after election, i.e. must ask for a recount before there is a count. Change request deadline to 5PM on day after last canvas and post bond with recount request
Sec. 51	25-3107(d)(2)	Recount	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify that if state pays for a recount, no bond is needed
Sec. 52	25-3201	Administration: State Board of Canvassers	<b>Vague:</b> Clarify that each member of the state board of canvassers may appoint a designee to serve on the board. This is the current practice.
Sec. 53	25-3301	Administration: party affiliation	<b>Constitutional Issue:</b> Address constitutionality by asking political parties who they want to vote in their primary and formulate guidance to counties based on party preference (open or closed primary)
Sec. 54	25-3303	Administration: standardize terms	<b>Vague:</b> replace word "purge" regarding party membership list

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Sec. 56	25-3801	Precinct leaders	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Allows party chair to object to precinct committee person candidacy. Precinct leader takes office effective day after election, no oath required
Sec. 57	25-4004	Administration: standardize terms	<b>Vague:</b> Drop reference to "nominating paper," use 'nominating petitions.' for Gov/LG petitions
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Sec. 59	25-4148d(c)	Administration: campaign finance filings	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Do not require Secretary of State office to be staffed on weekends when last minute campaign finance reports filed. No one has ever filed on a weekend.
Sec. 60	25-4322(b)	Administration: recall petition	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Clarify that 5 days means 5 business days: county staff do not need to be forced to work weekends if speed is not important
Sec. 61	25-4414	Security: passwords and access	<b>Security:</b> Adds specific prohibitions about unauthorized sharing or possession of passwords and unauthorized access to voting equipment
Sec. 62	25-4612	Security: passwords and access	<b>Security:</b> Adds specific prohibitions about unauthorized sharing or possession of passwords and unauthorized access to voting equipment
Sec. 63	25-4703(d)	HAVA complaints	<b>Vague:</b> Change statutory reference "at 42 United States code §§15481 - 15485" to "at 52 United States code §§ 21081- 21102
Sec. 64	25-4709(c) [new]	HAVA complaints	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Allow Secretary of State to dismiss complaint for failure to state a claim without the need for a hearing. Most claims do not come close to stating a HAVA Art III issue.
Sec. 65	71-1415	Write-in candidates: community college	<b>Process Improvement:</b> Write-in name must be qualified elector resident of district
Sec. 66	25-0222	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> From the original 1908 law bringing primary elections to Kansas. The "Act" it references no longer exists
Sec. 66	25-1709	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> This is a leftover provision from the original 1908 campaign finance act last amended in the 1980s before being superseded by the current campaign finance act. It is obsolete, serves no purpose, confuses corporate donors, and is not under Governmental Ethics' jurisdiction.
Sec. 66	25-1710	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> This is a leftover provision from the original 1908 campaign finance act last amended in the 1980s before being superseded by the current campaign finance act. It is obsolete, serves no purpose, confuses corporate donors, and is not under Governmental Ethics' jurisdiction.

Sec. 66	25-2601	Obsolete	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> No longer relevant - updated application reference
Sec. 66	25-4502	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.
Sec. 66	25-4503	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.
Sec. 66	25-4505	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.
Sec. 66	25-4506	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.
Sec. 66	25-4507	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.
Sec. 66	25-4508	Obsolete: Presidential Preference Primary	<b>Obsolete/Delete:</b> After a 2015 statutory change, the Presidential Preference Primary, adopted in 1978, is no longer used in Kansas. Between 1980 and 2015 it was used only twice: 1980, 1992. This repeals the leftover obsolete implementation statutes.