## SENATE SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL No. 2080

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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AN ACT concerning elections; amending K.S.A. 25-321, 25-1215, 25-1218, 25-4004, 25-4153, 25-4502 and 25-4503 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205, 25-1216, 25-4156 and 25-4501 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section. 1. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and political committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any political committee or any person except a party ommittee, the candidate or the candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

- (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor or for other state officers elected from the state as a whole, \$2,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election.
- (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, member of the state board of education or a candidate for local office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election.
- (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of education, \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, the face value of a loan at the end of the period of time allocable to the primary or general election is the amount subject to the limitations of this section. A loan in excess of the limits herein provided may be made during the allocable period if such loan is reduced to the permissible level, when combined with all other contributions from the person making such loan, at the end of such allocable period.
- (c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent

 and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

(d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in each calendar year.

The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a state party committee shall not exceed \$25,000 in any calendar year, and the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a national party committee shall not exceed \$10,000 in any calendar year.

The aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political committee shall not exceed \$5,000 in any calendar year.

- (e) Any political funds which have been collected and were not subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a person subject to these contribution limitations.
- (f) Any political funds which have been collected and were subject to the reporting requirements of the campaign finance act shall not be used in or for the campaign of a candidate for a federal elective office.
- (g) The amount contributed by each individual party committee of the same political party other than a national party committee to any candidate for office, for any primary election at which two or more candidates are seeking the nomination of such party shall not exceed the following:
- (1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, \$2,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).
- (2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, member of the state board of education or a candidate for local office, \$500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).
- (3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of education, \$1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).
- (h) When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office, the contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the individual had sought office.
- (i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds \$100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which

 in the aggregate exceeds \$100 from any one person for any one primary or general election.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-1215 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1215. Every person in federal services who is eligible to register for and is qualified to vote at any general election under the laws of this state and who is absent from his place of residence in this state shall be entitled, as provided in this act, to vote by federal services absentee ballot at any primary or general election held in his such person's election district or precinct, notwithstanding any provision of law relating to the registration of qualified voters.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-1216 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1216. (a) Every person who is qualified and eligible to vote by federal services absentee ballot under the provisions of this act may make application for such ballot to the county election officer of the county of such voter's residence or to the secretary of state. Such application shall be made by postcard application provided for and prescribed in the federal act or on a form to be prescribed by the secretary of state. Any such application shall be valid for any election at which such voter otherwise is entitled to vote between the date of the application through the next two regularly scheduled general elections for national or state office end of the calendar year.

(b) If the voter is residing outside the United States or is a member of the United States armed forces or a spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces and a qualified elector and cannot vote timely by mail, the voter may apply for registration and an absentee ballot by facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic method authorized by the secretary of state. The voter may also request that the county election officer transmit to such voter by facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic method authorized by the secretary of state, a ballot, or a second ballot, as the case may be. The voter may then either mail or transmit by facsimile such voter's voted ballot, back to the county election officer. The voter may transmit such voter's ballot back to the county election officer by mail, facsimile, electronic mail or other electronic method authorized by the secretary of state.

If the voter chooses to transmit the voted ballot to the county election officer by facsimile, *electronic mail or other electronic method authorized by the secretary of state* the transmittal shall contain the following statement: "I understand that by faxing, *emailing or electronically transmitting* my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot." This statement shall be followed by the voter's signature and the date. Upon receipt of the transmittal, the county election officer shall place the voted ballot along with the signed statement and affidavit in an appropriately marked envelope and seal it. The county election officer and

such officer's staff shall take the steps necessary to keep the voted ballots received by facsimile, *electronic mail or other electronic method authorized by the secretary of state* as confidential as practicable.

- Sec. 4. K.S.A. 25-1218 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1218. (a) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of official federal services absentee ballots. Such ballots shall provide for voting for all officers, other than precinet committeeman and committeewoman, for whom the voter would otherwise be entitled to vote and shall also provide for voting on any proposed amendment to the constitution of the state of Kansas and any other proposition or question which is to be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the state at large and on any proposition or question for which the voter would otherwise be entitled to vote. Such ballots shall be uniform in size and in style of type, and the type and paper shall conform generally to that used for the regular official ballots. The respective county election officers shall cause to be prepared and printed such numbers of ballots as may be appropriate for carrying out the provisions of this act.
- (b) Such ballots shall contain the title of each office to be voted for, followed by the name and address of each nominated candidate for each office, the party or independent body nominating such candidate, a designation of the political subdivision to be represented, and a blank space for writing in the name of any other person for whom the voter desires to vote, except that. Except for precinct committee man and committee woman, no such blank space shall be printed on the primary ballot following the title of any office for which there is a candidate.
- (c) Any person who is qualified to vote under this act shall be allowed to submit a federal write-in absentee ballot as prescribed pursuant to the federal act if the:
- (1) Person has previously submitted a proper application for a ballot;
  - (2) ballot was not received; and
- (3) person does not submit the federal write-in absentee ballot from a location within the United States.
- Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: (1) They shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 12 noon, June 10 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act, except that in 1998, candidates for judge or district

 magistrate judge of the district court for positions created in 1998 in those judicial districts that have not approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of judges of the district court shall have filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, July 1, 1998, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:			
I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of, and			
state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of			
party, hereby nominate, who resides in			
the township of on			
street, city of), in the county of			
and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of (here			
specify the office), to be voted for at the primary			
election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in, as			
representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend			
to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed and will			
not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such office at			
such primary election.			

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Name of	<b>Street Number</b>	Name of	Date of
Signers.	or Rural Route	City	Signing.
	(as registered).		

All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form, written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless it is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

- (c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or, otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or pasted together.
- (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit described in this paragraph of a petition circulator who is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector in the state of Kansas or of the candidate shall be appended to each petition and shall

 contain, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination petitions shall be signed:
- (1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office of United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the state as compiled by the office of the secretary of state;
- (2) If for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office of district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such office is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;
- (3) If for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto; and
- (4) If for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto.
- (f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.
- (g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of education:
- (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, nomination petitions for nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party

 designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

- (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, nomination petitions for nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the following:
  - (A) For the office of representative in the

(B) for the office of member of the state

- (D) for the office of state representative......25 registered voters.
- (h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of education:
- (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or before June 10, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12:00 12 noon on June 24, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.
- (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after June 11, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12:00 12 noon on July 12, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12:00 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 25-4004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4004. The provisions of K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The names of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each pair thereof shall have qualified to become candidates in one or the other of the following methods and none other: *First*, they shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than twelve o'clock 12 noon, June 10 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then before twelve o'clock 12 noon the following business day, nomination papers, commonly called nomination petitions, as provided for in K.S.A. 25-4005, and amendments thereto; or, *second*, they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination papers, as above provided, with the secretary of state, as

 hereinafter prescribed, a declaration of intention to become candidates, accompanied by a fee as provided in K.S.A. 25-4006, and amendments thereto.

- New Sec. 7. (a) No candidate for elected office shall either appear in a public service announcement or advertisement or allow the candidate's name to be used in a public service announcement or advertisement during the 60 days before any election in which the candidate's name appears on the ballot.
- (b) (1) "Public service announcement or advertisement" means any message paid for with public sector funds or private sector funds from the current contractor of the sponsoring government entity and broadcast or distributed by electronic, telephonic or print media promoting or announcing some issue of public importance, public concern or public welfare.
- (2) "Public service announcement or advertisement" shall not include any news stories or articles, editorial endorsements, opinion or commentary writings, or letters to the editor printed in a newspaper, magazine or other periodical or broadcast media not owned or controlled by the candidate.
- (c) "Electronic media" shall not include the website for the government agency or other entity that administers the program promoted by the public service announcement or advertisement.
- (d) "Print media" means direct mail literature and advertisements in any newspaper, magazine or any other periodical publication, but it shall not include printed literature promoting a program so long as it is used regularly throughout the year in the regular course of business and it is not distributed in an unsolicited direct mail advertising campaign at a cost exceeding \$2,000 during the 60 days before any election in which the candidate's name appears on the ballot.
- (e) Any person who intentionally violates this section shall be subject to the civil penalties provided by K.S.A. 25-4181, and amendments thereto
- (f) This act shall be part of and supplemental to the campaign finance act.
- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-4501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4501. (a) Subject to the provisions of this section, there shall be held a presidential preference primary election in the year 20122016, and every fourth year thereafter.
- (b) On or before November 1, 2011 2015, and on or before November 1 every fourth year thereafter, the secretary of state shall certify to the governor, to the chief clerk of the house of representatives and to the secretary of the senate a common date in the next succeeding year on which at least five other states will hold a presidential preference primary

election, a delegate or mass convention or a caucus of qualified voters at which delegates to a national convention are selected. On or before each such date, if the secretary of state determines that there is no common date on which at least five states are conducting such a selection process in the next succeeding year, the secretary of state shall certify to the governor, the chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary of the senate on a date, which shall be on or before the first Tuesday in April of the next following year, on which the presidential preference primary election shall be held.

- (c) The date certified by the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (b) shall be the date on which the presidential preference primary election authorized by subsection (a) shall be held in the state of Kansas.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 25-4502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4502. (a) Every registered elector who has declared such elector's party affiliation with a political party eligible to participate in a state primary election shall have the opportunity to vote one vote at a presidential preference primary election for such elector's preference for one person to be the candidate for nomination by such candidate's party for president of the United States or for "none of the names shown." Any registered elector who has not declared such candidate's party affiliation prior to the election may make such a declaration at the polling place, and thereupon shall be permitted likewise the opportunity to vote one vote at the presidential preference primary. A vote for "none of the names shown" shall express the preference for an uncommitted delegation from Kansas to the national convention of that elector's party. Preference shall be indicated by marking with a cross or check mark inside a voting square or a darkened oval on the ballot at the left of the voter's choice, or by voting by using a voting machine.
- (b) The name of any candidate for a political party nomination for president of the United States shall be printed on the ballots only if, not later than twelve o'clock 12 noon, February 12 prior to on the date which precedes by seven weeks the date of the presidential preference primary or, if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, not later than twelve o'clock 12 noon the following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday:
- (1) The candidate files with the secretary of state a declaration of intent to become a candidate accompanied by a fee of \$100; or
- (2) there is filed in the office of secretary of state a petition in the form prescribed by K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, signed by not less than 1,000 registered electors, who are affiliated with the political party of such candidate as shown by the party affiliation list. The secretary of state shall determine the sufficiency of each such petition, and such determination shall be final.

Sec. 10. K.S.A. 25-4503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4503. (a) The names of the candidates for nomination for president of the United States by a political party eligible to participate in a state primary election shall be printed on the official ballots for the presidential preference primary elections of their respective parties along with the choice of "none of the names shown." The ballots shall be marked, returned and canvassed in the same manner and under the same conditions, so far as the same are applicable, as in the case of the primary election of candidates for nomination for state offices.

(b) The official presidential preference primary election ballots shall be printed in a single column and shall have the following heading:

## OFFICIAL PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT

\_\_\_\_Party

To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross or check mark in the square, *or darken the oval*, to the left of the name of the person for whom you desire to vote. To vote for "none of the names shown" make a cross or check mark in the square to the left of such words.

This shall be followed by the names of the candidates for president of the United States of such party in the manner and order certified by the secretary of state.

- (c) As soon as possible after February 12the candidate filing deadline, the secretary of state shall certify to each county election officer the name of each person who is a candidate for nomination to be president of the United States of each party authorized to participate in the presidential preference primary election. The secretary of state shall publish, not less than 21 days prior to the presidential preference primary, a notice in one newspaper in each county of the state where a newspaper is published, that the official list of candidates and the date of the election can be acquired in the office of the secretary of state or the office of the county election officer.
- (d) When a party participating in the presidential preference primary election has more than one candidate, the secretary of state shall determine by lot the order in which the candidates' names will appear on the ballot. The order of names, as established by the secretary of state, shall be uniform in each county throughout the state.
- Sec. 11. K.S.A. 25-321 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-321. A person appointed to the office of state representative under the provisions of this act may hold the office for the remainder of the term. Any person appointed to the office of senator under the provisions of this act may hold the office: (a) If the vacancy occurs prior to Oetober 15May *I* of the second year of the term, until the next general election, when a

senator shall be elected to fill the term; or (b) if such vacancy occurs on or after October 14May I of the second year of the term, for the remainder of the term. In cases where the appointment of a senator is until the next general election, nomination and election of such successor shall be in the same manner as nomination and election of a senator for a regular term.nominations for senator to be elected at such general election shall be made as follows: (1) If the vacancy occurs prior to June 1 of the second year of the term, candidates for the office shall be nominated at the primary in like manner as regular nominations for state senator are made; and (2) if the vacancy occurs on or after June 1 and prior to October 15 of the second year of the term, candidates for the office shall be nominated by the senatorial district party committee of any party having a state and national organization.

- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-4156 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4156. (a) (1) Whenever any person sells space in any newspaper, magazine or other periodical to a candidate or to a candidate committee, party committee or political committee, the charge made for the use of such space shall not exceed the charges made for comparable use of such space for other purposes.
- (2) Intentionally charging an excessive amount for political advertising is a class A misdemeanor.
  - (b) (1) Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is:
- (A) Publishing or causing to be published in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless suchthe paid matter is followed by the word "advertisement" or the abbreviation "adv." in a separate line together with the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same paid matter or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;
- (B) broadcasting or causing to be broadcast by any radio or television station any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless such matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor; such paid matter includes a disclosure statement which is spoken and contains at least the following words:

40	(a) If spo	ken by a candidate "I am" or	"This is"	
41	, , , , ,	•	-	(name of candidate)
42	candidate for		and $I$	,
43		(name of office)		(or my campaign)

approved this ad"; (b) if spoken by the chairperson or the treasurer of a party or political committee, "the (name of the party or political committee) for this ad supporting/opposing (name of office) (name of candidate) if spoken by an individual, "I am" or "This is" (name of individual) and I approved this ad supporting/opposing this candidate"; or (d) if spoken by any other person "I represent and we approved this ad, (name of corporation, group, or entity) supporting/opposing this candidate."

- (C) telephoning or causing to be contacted by any telephonic means including, but not limited to, any device using a voice over internet protocol or wireless telephone, any paid matter which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless suchthe paid matter is preceded by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the sponsoring organization and the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same paid matter or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor;
- (D) publishing or causing to be published any brochure, flier or other political fact sheet which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless suchthe paid matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the same paid matter or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this subparagraph (D) requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall not apply to individuals making expenditures in an aggregate amount of less than \$2,500 within a calendar year; or

(E) making or causing to be made any website, e-mail or other type of internet communication which expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of a clearly identified candidate for a state or local office, unless suchthe paid matter is followed by a statement which states: "Paid for" or "Sponsored by" followed by the name of the chairperson or treasurer of the political or other organization sponsoring the samepaid matter or the name of the individual who is responsible therefor.

The provisions of this subparagraph (E) requiring the disclosure of the name of an individual shall apply only to any website, e-mail or other type of internet communication which is made by the candidate, the candidate's

candidate committee, a political committee or a party committee and such website, e-mail or other internet communication viewed by or disseminated to at least 25 individuals. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the terms "candidate," "candidate committee," "party committee" and "political committee" shall have the meanings ascribed to them in K.S.A. 25-4143, and amendments thereto.

- (2) Corrupt political advertising of a state or local office is a class C misdemeanor
- (c) If any provision of this section or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this section which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this section are declared to be severable.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 25-321, 25-1215, 25-1218, 25-4004, 25-4153, 25-4502 and 25-4503 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205, 25-1216, 25-4156 and 25-4501 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.