

HOUSE BILL No. 2715

By Committee on Elections

2-10

1 AN ACT concerning ~~elections; relating to extension and drainage districts;~~
2 **{elections and electioneering;}** amending K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624
3 and 24-414 and repealing the existing sections.
4

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

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be
8 composed of four representatives from each county included in the
9 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first
10 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four
11 members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected
12 in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

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

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

23 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an
24 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results
25 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections
26 except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than 12 noon of the
27 Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in ~~odd-numbered~~
28 **election** years, each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on
29 the governing body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy,
30 *accompanied by a filing fee of \$5*, with the county election officer of the
31 county represented by the member of the governing body whose successor
32 is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. *The county election*
33 *officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the*
34 *county general fund.* The county election officer in making up the ballots

1 and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in
2 alphabetical order.

3 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension
4 district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections
5 and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election
6 officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the
7 district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the
8 judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each
9 election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a
10 newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in
11 the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding
12 thereof.

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

16 (d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an
17 extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for
18 the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident
19 of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

20 (e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize
21 annually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-
22 chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as
24 follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the
25 returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for
26 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and all
27 persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not
28 later than ~~12:00~~ 12 noon of the ~~Wednesday next following the primary~~
29 ~~election as such term is defined in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 25-2006, and~~
30 ~~amendments thereto~~ *Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in*
31 *April in ~~odd-numbered~~ **election** years, file a declaration of candidacy,*
32 *accompanied by a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the*
33 *county wherein the district is located, as a candidate in such election, and*
34 *the election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names*
35 *thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the*
36 *returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and*
37 *canvassed by the board of directors. *The county election officer shall remit**
38 *such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general*
39 *fund.* The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage
40 district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for
41 other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The
42 county clerk shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within
43 the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to

1 the judges of the election.

2 (b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by
3 the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper published in the
4 county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the board of
5 directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all elections and
6 meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons who are
7 qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a population
8 of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under the
9 provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of the
10 district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election
11 expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district.
12 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under
13 the general election laws.

14 (c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns
15 any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes
16 assessed on such property.

17 **{New Sec. 3. (a) A public school district shall not prohibit or**
18 **prevent the making of any facility or building under such public**
19 **school district's control available to registered political parties,**
20 **without discrimination, for the purposes of holding:**

21 **(1) A caucus open to the public for the purpose of selecting**
22 **delegates to the national presidential nominating convention of the**
23 **registered political party;**

24 **(2) a district convention for the offices of state representative or**
25 **state senator pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3901 et seq., and amendments**
26 **thereto; or**

27 **(3) an organizational meeting of the registered political party held**
28 **not more than once every two years.**

29 **(b) When a public school district makes a facility or building**
30 **available to a registered political party under subsection (a), such**
31 **public school district may:**

32 **(1) Establish terms and conditions for use of the facility or**
33 **building; and**

34 **(2) recover any actual costs incurred for the use of the facility or**
35 **building from the registered political party.**

36 **(c) The provisions of K.S.A. 25-4169a, and amendments thereto,**
37 **shall not apply to this section.}**

38 ~~Sec. 3. {4.}~~ K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624 and 24-414 are hereby repealed.

39 ~~Sec. 4. {5.}~~ This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
40 publication in the statute book.

41