{As Amended by Senate Committee of the Whole}

Session of 2015

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 171

By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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1 ACT concerning elections and voting; relating AN to certain 2 municipalities and special districts; amending K.S.A. 2-623, {10-120, 3 12-138, 12-344, 12-6a15, 13-1220, 13-1221, 19-2760, 19-4 3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-209, 25-210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-5 1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-2017, 25-2017a, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 25-2115, 25-6 7 2118, 25-2120, 25-2502, 25-2804, 25-2901, 25-3503, (68-438) 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1419, 72-8008 and 80-2508 and 8 9 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, *{12-363, 12-1737, 19-15,116,*} 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-1122, 25-10 2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801 and f.f and 42-11 12 706 *{and 72-6433}* and repealing the existing sections; also repealing 13 K.S.A. 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 14 12-1005j, 12-1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009, 15 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-16 1018, 12-1019, 12-1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-17 1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-18 19 1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-20 1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-1036f, 12-1036g, 12-1036h, 12-1037, 21 12-1038, 19-2762 and 71-1417. 22

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

24 New Section 1. (a) On and after January 1, 2017 2016, all primary 25 elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of 26 any municipality shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 2016 27 and on such date thereafter of odd-numbered even-numbered years, and 28 all general elections for members of the governing body and other elected 29 officials of any municipality shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of 2017 2016 of odd-numbered even-30 31 numbered years and on such date thereafter.

32 (b) $\{(1)\}$ The term of members of governing bodies and other elected 33 officials of any municipality that would expire at any time in <u>2017</u> 2016 34 shall expire on the second Monday in January of <u>2018</u> 2017, when newly SB 171-Am. by HC

elected members of the governing body and other newly elected officials
 shall take office.

3 {(2) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected 4 officials of any municipality that have been elected to four-year terms 5 and which would expire at any time in-<u>2019</u> 2017 shall expire on the 6 second Monday in January of-<u>2020</u> 2018, when newly elected members 7 of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall take office.}

8 (c) The governing body of the municipality shall establish by 9 ordinance or resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with 10 this act.

(d) Primary elections for any municipality shall be conducted as
provided in K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto. A primary election
shall only be required as provided in K.S.A. 25-2021, and amendments
thereto, and K.S.A. 25-2108a, and amendments thereto, or as otherwise
required by law.

(e) The filing deadline for all candidates for any municipality, unless
otherwise provided by law, shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and
amendments thereto.

(f) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought may
become a candidate for municipal office by filing a declaration of intent to
become a candidate with the county election officer accompanied by a
filing fee of \$20.

23 (g) "Municipality" means any city, consolidated city-county created under K.S.A. 12-340 et seq., and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 2014 24 25 Supp. 12-360 et seq., and amendments thereto, eounty adopting a charter under K.S.A. 19-2680 et seq., and amendments thereto, and school 26 district, any board of public utilities created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., 27 28 and amendments thereto, community college, drainage district, extension district created under K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto, 29 irrigation district, improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et-30 31 seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501 32 et seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under K.S.A. 33 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto. The term does not include any 34 special district where the election of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting of the special district. 35

(h) Cities may provide for elections of elected officials in even numbered years in order to provide for staggered terms of office or for
 three-year terms of office for elected officials.

New Sec. 2. (a) On and after January 1, 2016, all primary elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any special district shall be held on the first Tuesday in August of 2017 and on such date thereafter of odd-numbered years and all general elections for members of the governing body and other elected officials of any special district shall be held on the Tuesday succeeding
 the first Monday in November of 2017 of odd-numbered years and on

3 such date thereafter.

4 (b) The term of members of governing bodies and other elected 5 officials of special districts that would expire at any time in 2017 shall 6 expire on the second Monday in January of 2018, when newly elected 7 members of the governing body and other newly elected officials shall 8 take office. The governing body of the special district shall establish by 9 resolution terms of office of elected officials to comply with this act.

(c) Primary elections for any special district, if otherwise
 required by law, shall be conducted on the first Tuesday in August in
 odd-numbered years.

(d) The county election officers, with the assistance of the
 secretary of state, shall conduct special district primary and general
 elections in odd-numbered years.

16 (e) Any person who meets the qualifications for the office sought 17 may become a candidate for the special district office by filing a 18 declaration of intent to become a candidate with the county election 19 officer accompanied by a filing fee of \$20.

20 (f) All elections for officers of special districts shall be on a non-21 partisan basis.

(g) The filing deadline for all candidates for any special district
unless otherwise provided by law shall be as provided in K.S.A. 25205, and amendments thereto.

25 "Special district" means: (1) Any board of public utilities (h) created under K.S.A. 13-1220 et seq., and amendments thereto. 26 community college, drainage district, extension district created under 27 28 K.S.A. 2-623 et seq., and amendments thereto, irrigation district, 29 improvement district created under K.S.A. 19-2753 et seq., and amendments thereto, water district created under K.S.A. 19-3501 et 30 31 seq., and amendments thereto, and hospital district created under 32 K.S.A. 80-2501 et seq., and amendments thereto.

(2) The term does not include any special district where the
election of members of the governing body is conducted at a meeting
of the special district.

New Sec. <u>2</u>: 3. (a) A city shall continue to operate under its
current form of government whether established at an election, or by
adoption of a charter ordinance or ordinance until such time that the
city's form of government is changed as provided by law.

40 **(b)** All existing ordinances and charter ordinances relating to a city's 41 form of government, except those provisions relating to the timing of city 42 primary and general elections, shall remain in effect until amended or 43 repealed by such city. following forms of government:

(4) mayor-council-manager;

(1) Commission;

(2) mayor-council;(3) commission-manager;

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New Sec. -3. (a) Subject to subsection (b) and section 5, and

amendments thereto, any city may adopt by ordinance one of the

8 (5) council-manager; or 9 (6) any other form of government authorized by law or by ordinance 10 or charter ordinance of the city. (b) Any city which has operated for four or more years under a form 11 of government may abandon such form and adopt a different form of 12 government. The provisions of K.S.A. 12-184, and amendments thereto, 13 14 shall govern the procedure for the adoption or abandonment of such form 15 of government. 16 (c) The governing body of the city may establish by ordinance any of 17 the following: 18 (1) The powers and duties of the governing body, including the mayor and other elected officials; 19 20 (2) the terms of office of members of the governing body, including 21 the mayor and other elected officials of either two, three or four years; 22 (3) the election by ward or district of members of the governing body, 23 if applicable: 24 (4) the powers and duties of the city manager, if applicable; 25 (5) the administrative departments of the city; and (6) other matters deemed appropriate by the governing body. 26 New Sec. 5. (a) Any city may adopt the commission-manager, 27 28 mayor-council manager or council manager form of government in 29 the manner herein provided and shall thereafter be governed by the provisions of this act. A proposition to adopt such form of government 30 31 must first be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the city at 32 any primary or general election. The governing body of the city may 33 submit the proposition by resolution and must submit it upon the filing of a petition signed by at least 10% of the qualified electors of 34 the city. The petition shall be headed "Petition for an election of the 35 36 city of , Kansas, to vote on the adoption of the 37 (commission-manager, mayor-council manager or 38 council manager) form of government," and shall be addressed to the 39 governing body of the city, and be filed with the election officer of the county in which the city is located. The petition shall conform to the 40 requirements of article 36 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes 41 42 Annotated, and amendments thereto, and its sufficiency shall be 43 determined in the manner therein provided and shall be certified to

1 the city clerk by the county election officer.

2 (b) The resolution or the petition shall establish the membership 3 and terms of office of the governing body. Upon the adoption of a 4 resolution or the certification of a petition as provided in this section, 5 the governing body of the city shall submit the proposition at the next 6 primary or general election. Notice thereof shall be published in the 7 manner provided by K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

8 (c) The form of the ballots to be used at the election shall be as 9 follows:

10 "Shall the city of _____ adopt the _____

11 (commission-manager, mayor-council manager or council manager)
 12 form of government and become a city operating under such form of
 13 government?"

14 Yes \Box No \Box

15 If a majority of the votes cast shall be in favor of adopting the 16 commission-manager, mayor-council manager or council manager 17 plan of government, then at the next regular city election the 18 governing body of the city shall be elected as provided in the 19 resolution or petition.

New Sec. 6. (a) The governing body shall establish by ordinance
the qualifications, oath and powers and duties and terms of office of
the governing body.

(b) Any action taken by the city governing body shall be by a
 majority vote of the members unless a greater number of votes are
 specifically required by another provision of law.

(c) The city governing body shall appoint a city manager to be
 responsible for the administration and affairs of the city. The city
 manager shall see that all laws and ordinances are enforced. The city
 manager shall serve at the pleasure of the governing body.

(d) The city manager shall appoint and remove all heads of
 departments and all subordinate officers and employees of the city. All
 appointments shall be made upon merit and fitness alone.

33 New Sec. 7. Any city operating under the provisions of this act 34 may abandon the commission-manager, mayor-council manager or 35 council manager form of city government in the same manner as is 36 provided in section 5, and amendments thereto, for the adoption of 37 such form of city government except as herein otherwise provided, 38 and except that the word "abandonment" instead of the word 39 "adoption" shall be used in the petition therefor, and the word "abandon" instead of the word "adopt" shall be used in the form of 40 the ballot and in the election proclamation. If a majority of votes cast 41 upon the proposition shall be in favor of abandoning the commission-42 43 manager, mayor-council manager or council manager form of city

government, then the city shall operate under the alternative form of government established in the resolution or petition.

New Sec.<u>4.</u> 8. (a) All unified school districts shall make suitable school buildings available for polling places at the request of a county election officer for the county in which all or any portion of the school district is located.

7 (b) The county election officer shall give not less than -90 {365} days' 8 notice to the superintendent of the school district of the need to use one or 9 more school buildings as polling places for any primary or general 10 election.

11 (c) The terms "primary election" and "general election" shall have the 12 meanings as provided in K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto.

13 New Sec. 5. (a) The secretary of state shall develop a public information program to inform the public generally of changes made as a 14 result of moving spring elections to fall elections. Such public information 15 program shall include, at a minimum, the explanation of which public 16 17 office elections are being transferred from spring to fall elections. The 18 program shall include the use of advertisements and public service 19 announcements as well as posting of information on the opening pages of 20 the official internet websites of the secretary of state and county election 21 officers. The secretary of state and county election officers shall develop 22 dedicated websites to provide voter education and sample ballots for 23 elections.

(b) The county election officers in consultation with the secretary of
 state shall develop ways to reduce the ballot length and expedite the voting
 process on election days.

New Sec. <u>6.</u> 10. (a) The secretary of state shall develop the style and
form of the official primary ballot and the official general election
ballot for municipal offices and special district offices.

(b) The declaration of intent to become a candidate shall be
prescribed by the secretary of state. The declarations shall be filed with the
county election officer not later than 12 noon, June 1, prior to the primary
election in **both even-numbered and** odd-numbered years, or if such date
falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day
that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(c) For municipalities where a primary election is not authorized or
otherwise required by law, the declaration of intent to become a candidate
shall be filed with the county election officer not later than 12 noon,
September 1, prior to the general election in odd-numbered years, or if
such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of
the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

42 (d) The secretary of state shall establish primary election procedures43 for primary elections for municipalities and special districts.

1 (e) The secretary of state shall establish general election 2 procedures for general elections for municipalities and special 3 districts.

4 (f) County election officers shall conduct municipal elections in 5 even-numbered years and elections in odd-numbered years.

6 (g) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and regulations to 7 implement this section *{on or before July 1, 2016}*.

New Sec. <u>7</u>. 11. Sections 1 through <u>7</u> 11, and amendments thereto,
may be cited as and shall be known as the help Kansas vote act.

10 Sec.<u>8.</u> 12. K.S.A. 2-623 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-623. (a) Prior to July 1 of any year, any two or more county extension councils 11 may establish an extension district composed of all of the counties of such 12 13 councils by entering into an agreement in accordance with this section to 14 combine the extension programs for each county involved into one extension program serving the extension district. No such agreement shall 15 16 be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: (1) 17 The board of county commissioners of each county included in the proposed extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2) 18 19 the executive board of the extension council of each county included in the 20 proposed extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state 21 university of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized 22 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in 23 accordance with subsection (h).

24 (b) Prior to July 1 of any year, one or more county extension councils 25 and the governing body of any existing extension district may establish a new extension district by entering into an agreement in accordance with 26 27 this section to combine the extension programs for each such county and 28 such district into one extension program serving a new extension district 29 composed of all counties represented by such county extension councils 30 and the area served by the existing extension district. No such agreement 31 shall be effective unless such agreement has received the prior approval of: 32 (1) The board of county commissioners of each county being added to the 33 existing extension district, subject to the provisions of subsection (i); (2) 34 the executive board of the county extension council of each county being 35 added to the existing extension district, the governing body of the existing 36 extension district and the director of extension of Kansas state university 37 of agriculture and applied science, or the director's authorized 38 representative, acting together as a body; and (3) the attorney general in 39 accordance with subsection (h).

40 (c) On July 1 after the approval under subsection (a) or (b) of an
41 agreement to establish an extension district, such extension district is
42 hereby established and shall constitute a body corporate and politic
43 possessing the usual powers of a corporation for public purposes under the

name of "extension district no. ______ (the number designated by the
 director of extension), _____ counties (naming the counties included
 within the district), state of Kansas." Each extension district is a taxing
 subdivision and has the power to contract, sue and be sued and to acquire,
 hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law.

6 (d) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection 7 (a) or (b), all of the personnel and property of each of the extension 8 programs which are combined into the new district extension programs 9 shall be transferred to the new extension district and shall be subject to the 10 authority of the governing body of the extension district in accordance 11 with the agreement to establish the extension district.

12 (e) Upon the establishment of an extension district under subsection 13 (a), the board of county commissioners of each county joining in the establishing of an extension district shall appoint four qualified electors to 14 membership on the governing body of the district. The terms of all 15 16 members so appointed shall commence on July 1 following their 17 appointment. Of the members so appointed two members shall serve for 18 terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at an 19 election held on the first Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year 20 following their appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending 21 upon the election and qualification of their successors at an election held 22 on the first Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following 23 their appointment following the first Monday in November of the first odd-24 numbered year following their appointment and two members shall serve 25 for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their successors at 26 an election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November 27 of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment.

28 (f) In the case of one or more counties being included in an existing 29 extension district under subsection (b), the board of county commissioners 30 of each county being included in an existing extension district shall 31 appoint four qualified electors of the county to membership on the governing body of the expanded district. The terms of all members so 32 33 appointed shall commence on July 1 following their appointment. Of the 34 members so appointed two members shall serve for terms ending upon the 35 election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first 36 Tuesday in April of the first odd-numbered year following their-37 appointment and two members shall serve for terms ending upon the-38 election and qualification of their successors at an election held on the first 39 Tuesday in April of the second odd-numbered year following their appointment Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the first 40 41 odd-numbered year following their appointment and two members shall 42 serve for terms ending upon the election and qualification of their 43 successors at an election held on the Tuesday following the first Monday

in November of the second odd-numbered year following their
 appointment. The offices of the members of the governing body of the
 existing extension district shall continue in existence and the persons in
 such offices shall be members of the governing body of the expanded
 extension district which is established on July 1 for the remainder of their
 existing terms of office.

7 (g) In addition to other required provisions, each agreement entered 8 into under this section shall specify the permissible method or methods to 9 be employed in disposing of the assets and liabilities of the extension 10 district in the event that one or more counties withdraw from the extension 11 district under K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto.

12 (h) Each agreement entered into under this section or under K.S.A. 2-13 628, and amendments thereto, prior to and as a condition precedent to its entry into force, shall be submitted to the attorney general who shall 14 15 determine whether the agreement is in proper form and compatible with 16 this act and the other laws of Kansas. The attorney general shall approve 17 any agreement submitted for approval under this section or K.S.A. 2-628, and amendments thereto, unless the attorney general finds that the 18 19 submitted agreement does not meet the requirements of this act. In such 20 case, the attorney general shall specify in writing to the proposed parties to 21 the agreement and to each other entity required to approve the agreement, 22 the specific respects in which the proposed agreement fails to meet the 23 requirements of law. Failure by the attorney general to disapprove an 24 agreement submitted pursuant to this subsection within 90 days of its submission shall constitute approval of the agreement by the attorney 25 26 general.

27 (i) Prior to approving an agreement under this section, the board of 28 county commissioners of each county to be included in a proposed 29 extension district under subsection (a) or to be added to an existing 30 extension district under subsection (b), as the case may be, shall adopt a 31 resolution stating the intention of the board of county commissioners to 32 approve such agreement and specifying the counties that are to be included 33 in the extension district. Such resolution shall be published once each 34 week for two consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. If, 35 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution, a petition in 36 opposition to the approval of the agreement and the inclusion of the county 37 in the extension district is signed by not less than 5% of the qualified 38 electors of the county and is filed with the county election officer, such 39 board of county commissioners shall not approve such agreement and the 40 county shall not be included in the extension district unless and until the 41 same is approved by a majority of the qualified electors of the county 42 voting thereon at a primary election or general election or at a special 43 election called and held for such purpose. Any such special election shall

1 be called, noticed and held in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto.

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3 Sec.-9. 13. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as 4 follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be 5 composed of four representatives from each county included in the 6 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first 7 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four 8 members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected 9 in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

10 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the 11 governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such 12 member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall 13 commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member 14 15 elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and 16 qualified.

17 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an The election to 18 elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are 19 expiring shall be held on the first Tuesday in April following the first 20 Monday in November of each odd-numbered year.

21 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an 22 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results 23 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections 24 except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than 12 noon of the 25 Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years, each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing 26 27 body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, accompanied by 28 a filing fee of \$5, with the county election officer of the county represented 29 by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. The county election officer shall remit such 30 31 filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund. 32 The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the 33 names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order 34 Any person desiring to be a candidate for election to the governing body 35 shall file a candidate's declaration of intention with the county election 36 officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body 37 whose successor is to be elected. Such candidate's filing shall be made in 38 the manner as provided in section -6 10, and amendments thereto, and 39 K.S.A. 25-205. and amendments thereto. 40 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension

district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections 41 and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election 42 43 officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the 1 district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the 2 judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each 3 election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a 4 newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in 5 the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding-6 thereof shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper 7 published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and 8 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

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

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

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

19 Sec. 14. K.S.A. 13-1220 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-20 1220. In each city of the first class that now has or hereafter acquires a 21 population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants, which now or 22 hereafter owns and operates a municipal waterworks plant and a municipal 23 electric-light plant, there shall be Any city may establish an administrative agency known as the board of public utilities of such 24 25 city, to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided. The board shall manage, operate, maintain and control the daily operation of the 26 27 water plant and electric-light plant of such city, and shall make all 28 such rules and regulations as are necessary for the safe, economical 29 and efficient operation and management of such water plants and 30 electric-light plants. The board may also improve, extend or enlarge 31 the water plants and electric-light plants as hereinafter provided, and 32 furnish a supply of water, light, heat and power for domestic, 33 industrial and municipal purposes.

34 Sec.<u>10.</u> 15. K.S.A. 13-1221 is hereby amended to read as follows: 13-1221. (a) The board of public utilities shall consist of six members. 35 36 three of which shall be nominated and elected by the city at large and three 37 of which shall be elected by the qualified electors of the city within each 38 of the districts established pursuant to subsection (b). Members of the 39 board shall be elected on a nonpartisan basis. Members elected to the 40 board of public utilities after the effective date of this act shall hold their offices for terms of four years, and until their successors are elected and 41 qualified. Each of the members elected from districts shall be qualified 42 43 voters of the districts from which elected. Elections of members of the

 board shall be held at the time of the general eity election in oddnumbered years. The provisions of article 17 of chapter 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, pertaining to the election and removal of officers, shall
 govern so far as applicable.

5 (b) The board shall elect from its own number a president and vice-6 president and shall appoint a secretary. Notwithstanding the provisions of 7 K.S.A. 13-1222, relating to a quorum for the transaction of business and a 8 vote for action by the board, Any vacancy occurring in the board shall be 9 filled by a majority vote of the members remaining on the board. Where a 10 vacancy has occurred in the membership of any board of public utilities, a member selected to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next-city-11 12 November in odd-numbered years election, at which time a successor shall 13 be elected to serve the remainder of the unexpired term, if any.

(b) The districts numbered 1, 2 and 3 established in 1979 shall besubject to alteration at the first meeting of the board in each fourth year
thereafter, but such alteration shall only be for the purpose of establishing
and maintaining the equality of population among the districts.

Sec.<u>11.</u> 16. K.S.A. 19-2760 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-2760. (a) An election shall be held in each improvement district on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November<u>of 1978</u> and of each even-numbered year thereafter for the purpose of electing three directors of such district, except that the first election following the establishment of such district shall be held at a time fixed by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the district is located.

(b) The directors of an improvement district shall serve for terms of
 two years, except that directors elected prior to the Tuesday following the
 first Monday in November, 1978, and directors elected at the first election
 following the establishment of the district shall serve until their successors
 are elected.

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(c)-(1) From and after July 1, 2006, Each director shall:

(A) (1) Own land within the improvement district; or

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 (\mathbf{B}) (2) reside in the improvement district.

33 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1), each director 34 elected on or before June 30, 2006, shall be allowed to serve the remainder
 35 of such director's current term of office.

36 Sec.<u>12.</u> 17. K.S.A. 19-3505 is hereby amended to read as follows: 37 19-3505. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this section, the governing 38 body of any water district to which this section applies shall be a five-39 member board holding positions numbered one to five, inclusive. Each 40 member shall be elected and shall hold office from May 1 following such member's election until April 30, the second Monday in January 41 42 succeeding such member's election until four years thereafter and until a 43 successor is elected and has qualified.

The first election of members of the governing body of any water 1 district created after the effective date of this act shall be held on the first 2 3 Tuesday in August of any even-numbered year, at which time members 4 shall be elected for terms beginning on September 1 of the same year, and 5 ending on April 30 of the third year following the beginning of such term, 6 to positions numbered three, four and five. At such first election, members 7 shall be elected for terms ending on April 30 of the first year following the 8 beginning of such terms, to positions numbered one and two. Members 9 first elected to positions one and two shall have terms of approximately 10 eight months. Elections shall be-thereafter held on the-first Tuesday-in-April of each odd-numbered year following the first Monday in November 11 12 of each odd-numbered year for the member positions whose terms expire 13 in that year.

(b) From and after April 30, 1991, the governing body of the water
district shall be composed of seven members. At the election held in 1991,
positions numbered 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected to four-year terms. At the
election in 1993, positions numbered 3, 4 and 5 shall be elected to fouryear terms.

19 (c) Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in April of each odd-20 numbered following the first Monday in November of each odd-numbered 21 year for the positions which terms expire in that year. Members shall hold 22 office from May 1, the second Monday in January following such 23 member's election until April 30, four years thereafter and until a successor 24 is elected and qualified. All elections shall be nonpartisan and shall be 25 called and conducted by the county election officer. Laws applying to other local elections occurring at the same time and in the same locality 26 27 shall apply to elections under this act to the extent that the same can be 28 made to apply. Notice of the time and place of holding each election shall 29 be published by the county election officer in a newspaper published in the 30 county in accordance with procedures established in K.S.A. 25-209, and 31 amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

(d) In January, following each election, the board shall organize and 32 33 not later than the second regular meeting following each election shall 34 select from among its members a chairperson and a vice-chairperson. The 35 vice-chairperson shall preside over any meetings at which the chairperson 36 is not present. Vacancies occurring during a term shall be filled for the 37 unexpired term by appointment by the remaining members. All members 38 shall take an oath of office as prescribed for other public officials. The 39 members of the board shall be qualified electors in the water district. Prior 40 to accepting office, the water district shall obtain for each member-elect a 41 corporate surety bond to the state of Kansas in the amount of \$10,000, 42 conditioned upon the faithful performance of the member's duties and for 43 the true and faithful accounting of all money that may come into the

member's hands by virtue of the office. Such bonds shall be filed in the
 office of the county clerk for the county in which the major portion of such
 water district is located after approval by the board of county
 commissioners of such county.

5 (e) Each member of the board shall receive a monthly salary in an 6 amount determined by the board and shall be reimbursed for all necessary 7 and reasonable expenses incurred in performing official assigned duties.

8 Sec.<u>13.</u> 18. K.S.A. 19-3507 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 19-3507. The water district election shall be held in each election precinet, 10 a part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no other election is being held in a given election precinet on the same date as 11 the water district election, the county election officer may provide one or 12 more convenient voting places where the water district electors of such-13 precinct may vote, which may be a voting place located in another-14 15 precinct. The county election officer shall designate such voting places and 16 the persons entitled to vote thereat in the election notice. The county-17 election officer shall make a report in writing to the board of countycommissioners of such election precinets and voting places, which report 18 19 shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which such 20 precinets and voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the 21 journal of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or 22 counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and 23 voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like manner 24 be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners, filed and 25 entered as aforesaid. The polls for any election held under this act shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. 26

27 (a) The water district election shall be held in each election 28 precinct, a part or all of which is located within such water district, except that if no other election is being held in a given election 29 precinct on the same date as the water district election, the county 30 31 election officer may provide one or more convenient voting places 32 where the water district electors of such precinct may vote, which may 33 be a voting place located in another precinct. The county election 34 officer shall designate such voting places and the persons entitled to 35 vote thereat in the election notice. The county election officer shall 36 make a report in writing to the board of county commissioners of such 37 election precincts and voting places, which report shall be filed with 38 the county clerk of the county or counties in which such precincts and 39 voting places are located and an entry thereof made upon the journal 40 of the board or boards of county commissioners of such county or counties and if any change shall be made in such voting precincts and 41 voting places by the county election officer, the same shall in like 42 43 manner be reported to the board or boards of county commissioners,

filed and entered. The polls for any election held under this act shall be open between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

3 All(a) (b) Any qualified persons person desiring to be voted upon as a 4 candidate for a position as a member of such board shall on or before 5 12:00 o'clock noon on the Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first 6 Tuesday in April of the year in which the election is being held, which date 7 shall be stated in the publication notice of the election, file a candidate's 8 declaration of intention in the manner provided in section -6 10, and 9 amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto, with the 10 county election officer. a statement directing such officer to place suchperson's name on the ballot as a candidate for member of the board of the 11 12 water district in such election, indicating the number of the position for 13 which such person is filing. No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw 14 as a candidate after the deadline for filing such statements of candidacy. 15 There shall be no primary election for members of the water district board. 16 The county election officer shall publish names of all candidates in a 17 newspaper of general circulation within the water district-not less than 10 18 days-before such election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and 19 amendments thereto. The county election officer shall provide for use of 20 voting machines or printed ballots in each election precinct or voting-21 place. Where printed ballots are prepared, the same shall be done at the 22 expense of the water district. The names of candidates for each member-23 position shall be rotated on the ballots in such a manner that each-24 candidate shall be given an equitable opportunity to have such candidate's 25 name appear first on the ballot. Where the only election being conducted 26 in an election precinct or voting place is the water district election, The-27 cost of providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting place shall 28 be borne entirely by the water district, but where held in conjunction with other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided by article 29 30 22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments-31 thereto.

32 At least five days before any election, the county election officers of 33 the various counties within which a portion of such district is located, in 34 ecooperation with the water district board, shall determine the voting areas 35 where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district 36 and the names of all qualified electors residing in the water district and 37 located in such precincts and shall determine the election precincts which 38 contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified 39 electors residing in the water district and in such election precincts. A list 40 of the qualified electors determined as hereinbefore provided shall be-41 furnished by the county election officer to the judges of the votingprecincts or voting places where such electors are entitled to vote. 42

43 (c) Where the only election being conducted in an election

1 precinct or voting place is the water district election, the cost of 2 providing judges and clerks in such precinct or voting place shall be 3 borne entirely by the water district, but where held in conjunction 4 with other elections, the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided 5 by article 22 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 6 amendments thereto.

7 (d) At least five days before any election, the county election 8 officers of the various counties within which a portion of such district 9 is located, in cooperation with the water district board, shall 10 determine the voting areas where no other elections will be held in conjunction with the water district and the names of all qualified 11 12 electors residing in the water district and located in such precincts and 13 shall determine the election precincts which contain only a part of the water district and the names of all qualified electors residing in the 14 15 water district and in such election precincts. A list of the qualified 16 electors determined shall be furnished by the county election officer to 17 the judges of the voting precincts or voting places where such electors 18 are entitled to vote.

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(b) All direct election expenses shall be paid by the water district.

20 (c) (f) Qualified electors of any election precinct, the entirety part or:
 21 all the entirety of which is within the water district, shall be entitled to
 22 vote in such precinct-and a separate list of their names need not be
 23 furnished and a separate list of their names need not be furnished.

A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinet other than the one in which such person resides unless no election is being held in such precinet, in which event, such voter shall be entitled to vote in the voting place designated by the county election officer.

28 Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges of each 29 precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one desirous of voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may proceed to the 30 31 county election officer of the county and such officer may administer oaths 32 and affirm witnesses to determine the right of anyone to vote who may-33 elaim erroneous omission from such list, and if such officer issues a-34 certificate entitling the voter to vote, such certificate shall be accepted by 35 the judges and elerks of the election. The list so furnished by the county election officer shall be conclusive at all elections held within the same 36 37 vear that the list is furnished.

(g) A voter shall not be eligible to vote in any election precinct
other than the one in which such person resides unless no election is
being held in such precinct, in which event, such voter shall be entitled
to vote in the voting place designated by the county election officer.

42 (h) Such list furnished by the county election officer to the judges 43 of each precinct shall be conclusive at all elections, except that one 1 desirous of voting, whose name does not appear on such list, may 2 proceed to the county election officer of the county and such officer 3 may administer oaths and affirm witnesses to determine the right of 4 anyone to vote who may claim erroneous omission from such list, and 5 if such officer issues a certificate entitling the voter to vote, such 6 certificate shall be accepted by the judges and clerks of the election. 7 The list so furnished by the county election officer shall be conclusive 8 at all elections held within the same year that the list is furnished.

9 Sec.<u>14.</u> 19. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-412 is hereby amended to read as 10 follows: 24-412. (a) Subject to the provisions of subsection (b), except as otherwise provided in this section, an election to choose three directors in 11 12 each district as their successors, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April, 1983, and an election shall be held each four years thereafter, on the first 13 14 Tuesday in April, to choose directors An election to choose three directors 15 in each district shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of 2017, and an election shall be held each four years 16 thereafter, on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, to 17 choose directors. Any director elected in any district in 2015 shall hold 18 19 such office until such successor is elected and qualified.

(b) On and after January 1, 2012, the board of directors of drainage
district No. 2 of Finney county, Kansas, shall be elected as provided in
K.S.A.-2012 2014 Supp. 24-139a, and amendments thereto.

23 Sec.<u>15.</u> 20. K.S.A. 2014 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 general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and-all-26 27 persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not-28 later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in 29 April in election years, file a declaration of candidacy, any qualified person desiring to be a candidate for director shall file a candidate's 30 31 declaration of intention in the manner provided in section -6 10, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A.25-205, and amendments thereto, 32 33 accompanied by a filing fee of \$5 \$20, with the county election officer of 34 the county wherein the district is located, as a candidate in such election, 35 and the election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names 36 thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the 37 returns of all special or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and 38 eanvassed by the board of directors. The county election officer shall remit 39 such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general 40 fund. The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage-41 district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for-42 other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The 43 county-elerk election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all

persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish
 lists thereof to the judges of the election.

3 (b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given published in a newspaper 4 5 published in the county in accordance with procedures established in 6 K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and 7 amendments thereto, and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the 8 board of directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons 9 10 who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under 11 the provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of 12 the district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election 13 14 expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district. 15 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under 16 the general election laws.

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

Sec.<u>16.</u> 21. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-459 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 24-459. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-458, *and amendments thereto*, shall
consist of three qualified persons as defined in paragraph (3) of subsection
(e) of this section(3).

(b) The directors for the first term after the incorporation of the
drainage district shall be selected and designated in the petition for the
incorporation of the district and shall be declared directors by the county
commissioners to which the petition is presented.

(c) The directors shall hold office until the first Tuesday in April next second Monday in January of the next even-numbered year after the incorporation of the district, at which time and every four years thereafter directors shall be elected at the November odd-year elections and shall hold their office for the term of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

35 (d) Every qualified person of the district shall be entitled to vote at 36 the election or at any election which may be held in the district.

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(e) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Owner" or "person who owns land" means any person or entity who is the record owner of the fee in any real estate in the district or the fee in the surface rights of any real estate in the district, but the owners of an oil and gas lease, mineral rights or interest, easements or mortgages as such shall not be considered owners, and school districts, cemetery associations, and municipal corporations shall not be considered owners. 1 (2) "Taxpayer" means any owner who has paid all taxes currently due 2 on such real estate.

- 3 (3) "Qualified person" means any taxpayer 18 years of age or older, 4 whether a resident of the district or not. A taxpayer who is a qualified 5 person and who is not an individual may designate an individual to cast its 6 vote or to serve as a director of the district.
- 7 (f) The county clerk shall determine the qualified persons entitled to 8 vote at any election in the district. Any entity desiring to vote at an election 9 shall register the name of its designated representative with the county 10 election officer no later than-14 21 days in advance of any such election.
- Sec.<u>17.</u> 22. K.S.A. 24-504 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-11 12 504. Whenever a majority of the counties to be included within the 13 proposed drainage district have reported in favor of the organization of 14 said the drainage district, under the provisions of this act, the secretary of state shall report-such the fact to the governor of Kansas, who shall 15 16 forthwith declare, by suitable proclamation, the territory described in-said 17 the petition and set forth in the reports of-said the commissioners to 18 constitute a public corporation, and the freeholders owning lands within 19 such the bounds, and resident within the state of Kansas, to be 20 incorporated as a drainage district under the name designated in-said the 21 petition, and thenceforth the said territory and the freeholders thereof, who 22 are residents of the state of Kansas, and their successors, shall constitute a 23 body politic and corporate under-said the corporate name and shall give 24 perpetual succession.

25 In-said the proclamation the governor shall designate the-last Tuesday of the next succeeding calendar month Tuesday following the first Monday 26 27 in November of the odd-numbered year following the issuing of-said the 28 proclamation on which an election shall be held in each of the counties to 29 be included within the proposed drainage district for the purpose of 30 electing directors of-said the corporation, in number and in the manner 31 hereinafter provided. The secretary of state shall make and keep full and 32 complete records of the organization of all drainage districts organized 33 under the provisions of this act, showing the findings and decisions of the 34 boards of county commissioners and all of the acts of the governor in 35 connection with the organization thereof, a true and correct copy of which 36 he shall forward to the said boards of county commissioners within five 37 days after the issuing of the governor's proclamation provided for in this 38 section, and they shall spread the same upon their records.

Sec.<u>18.</u> 23. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 24-506 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 24-506. (a) The board of directors of any drainage district
incorporated pursuant to K.S.A. 24-501 et seq., and amendments thereto,
shall consist of one person from each county in the district if the number
of counties is odd, but if the number of counties is even, then there shall be

1 an additional director at large. If the drainage district is located wholly 2 within one county, the number of directors shall be three. Except as 3 provided in subsection (b), the directors shall be freeholders who shall be 4 residents of Kansas, whose lands in whole or in part are located within the 5 district. The directors shall hold their offices for a term of four years and 6 until their successors are elected and qualified. Elections to choose 7 directors, except the first, shall be held on the first Tuesday in April-8 Tuesday following the first Monday in November of the next odd-9 numbered year and every four years thereafter.

(b) If there are no residents in the drainage district, any owner of land
within the district shall be a qualified voter and shall be qualified to hold
the office of director.

13 Sec. 19. K.S.A. 25-204 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-204. On or before April second in even-numbered and odd-numbered years 14 before the time of holding the statewide primary election or the municipal 15 16 primary election, the secretary of state shall prepare and transmit to each county election officer a notice in writing, designating the offices for-17 18 which candidates are to be nominated at such statewide primary election. 19 Upon receipt of such notice each county election officer shall forthwith 20 publish so much thereof as may be applicable to his county, once each-21 week for three consecutive weeks, in the official county paper. Such The 22 notice so published shall state the time when such the primary election will 23 be held, together with the offices for which candidates are to be 24 nominated.

25 Sec. 20. 24. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the 26 27 names of candidates for **municipal**, national, state, county and township 28 offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall 29 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 30 31 noon, June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on 32 Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following 33 day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as 34 provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time 35 for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee 36 37 required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of 38 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 ______ (or at number _____ on

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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.

16 (c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such 17 petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to 18 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, 19 20 otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the 21 place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing 22 given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address 23 they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or 24 pasted together.

25 (d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit 26 27 described in this paragraph of a petition circulator as defined in K.S.A. 28 2014 Supp. 25-3608, and amendments thereto, or of the candidate shall be 29 appended to each petition and shall contain, at the end of each set of 30 documents carried by each circulator, a verification, signed by the 31 circulator or the candidate, to the effect that such circulator or the 32 candidate personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person 33 whose name appears thereon.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nominationpetitions 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;

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5 (3) if for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than 6 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in 7 such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and 8 certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and 9 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:

36 (A) For the office of representative in the United States congress
 37 1,000 registered voters;

(B) for the office of member of the state board of education 300registered voters;

40 41 (C) for the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and

(D) for the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

42 (h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of 43 representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in 1 the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of 2 education:

3 (1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the 4 manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, the deadline for filing 5 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate 6 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon 7 on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then 8 before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or 9 holiday.

10 (2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the 11 manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, the deadline for filing 12 nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate 13 for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12 noon 14 on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then 15 before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(i) Primary elections for candidates for municipal office shall be held
 when otherwise required by law. The names of candidates for municipal
 offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot in<u>odd-numbered</u>;
 year elections when each shall have even-numbered year elections and
 in odd-numbered years when needed. Persons shall become qualified
 to become a candidate by one of the following methods:

(1) They shall have filed, not later than 12 noon, on June 1, prior to
such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a
holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a
Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as otherwise
provided by law; 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 \$20 fee required by
law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state as
provided in section<u>6</u> 10, and amendments thereto.

(j) Primary elections for candidates for special district elections
 shall be held when required by law. Persons shall become qualified to
 become a candidate in the same manner as provided in subsection (i).

35 Sec. 21. 25. K.S.A. 25-209 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-36 209. (a) As soon as possible after the filing deadline, the secretary of state 37 shall certify to each county election officer the name and post-office 38 address of each person who has filed valid nomination petitions or a 39 declaration of intent to become a candidate for United States senator or 40 representative or for state office, together with the designation of the office 41 for which each is a candidate and the party or principle which the 42 candidate represents.

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(b) The county election officer shall-forthwith, upon receipt thereof,

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1 publish for three (3) consecutive weeks in the official paper, a notice which shall set forth under the proper party designation, the title of each 2 3 national, state, county and township office any part of the district of which 4 is in the county, the names and addresses of all persons certified by the secretary of state as candidates for any national or state office any part of 5 6 the district of which is in the county and, in addition thereto, the names 7 and addresses of all persons from whom valid nomination papers or 8 declarations have been filed in the county election officer's office, giving 9 the name and address of each, the day of the primary election, the hours 10 during which the polls will be open and stating that the primary election will be held at the regular voting places. Where such voting places are not 11 well established and customarily known the published notice herein 12 13 provided for shall give the location of such voting places.

14 (c) The secretary of state and county election officers shall utilize 15 the procedures established in this section to the extent applicable for 16 municipal and special district elections conducted in the fall of both 17 even-numbered and odd-numbered years.

(d) The secretary of state shall utilize the procedures established
 in this section to the extent applicable for special district elections
 conducted in the fall of odd-numbered years.

21 Sec.-22. 26. K.S.A. 25-210 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-22 210. (a) The official primary election ballot for national and state offices 23 and the official primary election ballot for county and township offices of 24 each political party shall be arranged on the ballot, printed, voted, and 25 canvassed in the same manner as is now or hereafter provided by law for the arrangement, printing, voting, and canvassing of official general ballots 26 27 for national and state offices and official general ballots for county and 28 township offices, except as otherwise provided by law.

(b) The official primary election ballot for<u>municipal</u> special district
 elections in odd-numbered years shall be arranged¹/₂ and printed<u>, voted</u>.
 and canvassed in the manner as provided by law by the county election
 officer.

33 Sec. 23. 27. K.S.A. 25-212 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-34 212. (a) In case there are nomination petitions or declarations of intention 35 to become a candidate on file for more than one candidate or for more than 36 one pair of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, of the same 37 party for any national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the 38 state or appropriate part thereof, into as many divisions as there are names 39 to go on such party ballot for that office. Such divisions shall be as nearly 40 equal in number of members of such party as is convenient without 41 dividing any one county. In making such division the secretary of state 42 shall take the alphabetical list of counties in regular order until the 43 secretary of state gets the required proportion of party members of such

1 party based upon the party affiliation lists as shown by the certificates of 2 the respective county election officers, and so on through the list of 3 counties until the secretary of state gets the proper proportion of party 4 members in each division. The secretary of state shall also take the alphabetical list of candidates or pairs of candidates in regular order and in 5 6 certifying to the county election officer the list of names for whom 7 nomination petitions or declarations of intent to become a candidate have 8 been filed, shall place one name or pair of candidates at the head of the list 9 in the first division of counties, another in the second division, and so on 10 with all the candidates for any particular office, so that every candidate or pair of candidates for any office shall be at the head of the list in one 11 12 division of the state and second in another division thereof, and so forth. 13 When, in the case of candidates for the office of congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state 14 15 board of education member, the secretary of state finds that the secretary 16 of state cannot get a fair proportion of party members to give each 17 candidate for congressman, district judge, district magistrate judge, state senator, state representative or state board of education member in any 18 19 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have the candidate's name 20 first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the secretary of 21 state shall order the county election officers in the various counties of the 22 district to rotate the names of the candidates for such district offices 23 according to precinct. If voting machines are used the arrangement of 24 names of candidates or pair of candidates for all offices on the voting 25 machines shall be rotated, as near as may be, according to precinct.

The arrangement of the names certified by the secretary of state shall govern the county election officer in arranging the primary election ballot, and the county election officer in preparing the ballot for such officer's county shall follow the same arrangement as provided in this section for the secretary of state, for the candidates nominated for county offices, using the township and precincts of the county in making the division.

(b) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
before July 1, 2016, shall establish the arrangement of names as
provided by law for the official primary ballot for municipal elections.

Sec. 24: 28. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-213 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-213. (*a*) At all **municipal**, national and state primary elections, the **municipal**, national and state offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for national and state offices and the county and township offices as specified for each in this section shall be printed upon the official primary election ballot for county and township offices.

42 (b) Except as provided in subsection (e), the official primary 43 election ballots shall have the following heading:

OFFICIAL PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT Party

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To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot make a cross or check mark in the square at the left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space, if any is provided, and make a cross or check mark in the square to the left.

8 The words national and state or the words county and township shall 9 appear on the line preceding the part of the form shown above.

10 The form shown shall be followed by the names of the persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations have been filed according to 11 12 law for political parties having primary elections, and for the national and 13 state offices in the following order: United States senator, United States representative from district, governor and lieutenant governor, 14 15 secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, commissioner of 16 insurance, senator district, representative _____ district, district 17 judge district, district magistrate judge district, district 18 attorney judicial district, and member state board of education district. For county and township offices the form shall be followed 19 20 by the names of persons for whom nomination petitions or declarations 21 have been filed according to law for political parties having primary 22 elections in the following order: Commissioner _____ district, county clerk, 23 treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, 24 township treasurer, township clerk. When any office is not to be elected, it 25 shall be omitted from the ballot. Other offices to be elected but not listed, shall be inserted in the proper places. For each office there shall be a 26 27 statement of the number to vote for.

28 To the left of each name there shall be printed a square. Official 29 primary election ballots may be printed in one or more columns. The 30 names certified by the secretary of state or county election officer shall be 31 printed on official primary election ballots and no others. In case there are 32 no nomination petitions or declarations on file for any particular office, the 33 title to the office shall be printed on the ballot followed by a blank line 34 with a square, and such title, followed by a blank line, may be printed in 35 the list of candidates published in the official paper. No blank line shall be 36 printed following any office where there are nomination petitions or 37 declarations on file for the office except following the offices of precinct 38 committeeman and precinct committeewoman.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person's name
shall be printed more than once on either the official primary election
ballot for national and state offices or the official primary election ballot
for county and township offices. No name that is printed on the official
primary election ballot as a candidate of a political party shall be printed or

written in as a candidate for any office on the official primary election 1 2 ballot of any other political party. If a person is a candidate for the 3 unexpired term for an office, the person's name may be printed on the 4 same ballot as a candidate for the next regular term for such office. The 5 name of any candidate on the ballot may be printed on the same ballot as 6 such candidate and also as a candidate for precinct committeeman or 7 committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election 8 ballot for national and state offices shall be printed or written in elsewhere 9 on such ballot or on the official primary election ballot for county and 10 township offices except for precinct committeeman or committeewoman. No name that is printed on the official primary election ballot for county 11 12 and township offices shall be printed or written in on the official primary 13 election ballot for national and state offices or elsewhere on such county 14 and township ballot except for precinct committeeman or 15 committeewoman.

16 (d) No person shall be elected to the office of precinct committeeman 17 or precinct committeewoman where no nomination petitions or 18 declarations have been filed, unless the person receives at least five write-19 in votes. As a result of a primary election, no person shall receive the 20 nomination and no person's name shall be printed on the official general 21 election ballot when no nomination petitions or declarations were filed, 22 unless the person receives votes equal in number to not less than 5% of the 23 total of the current voter registration designated in the state, county or 24 district in which the office is sought, as compiled by the office of the 25 secretary of state, except that a candidate for township office may receive 26 the nomination and have such person's name printed on the ballot where 27 no nomination petitions or declarations have been filed if such candidate 28 receives three or more write-in votes. No such person shall be required to 29 obtain more than 5,000 votes.

(e) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
 before July 1, 2016, shall develop the official primary election ballot to
 place all municipal primary elections at the top of the ballot.

(f) The secretary of state by rules and regulations shall develop the
 official ballot for<u>municipal</u> special district elections in odd-numbered
 year elections.

36 Sec. 25. 29. K.S.A. 25-610 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-37 610. (a) The secretary of state shall furnish to each county election officer 38 forms for ballots in their respective counties. The secretary of state shall 39 prepare a rotation of the different candidates appearing on the official 40 general ballot for the national and state offices for each such office. Such 41 rotation shall be developed and arranged so that each candidate shall have 42 an equal opportunity as near as practicable for the respective offices to 43 which they are nominated. In case there is more than one candidate for any

1 national or state office, the secretary of state shall divide the state or part 2 thereof, into as many divisions as there are names to go on the ballot for 3 each particular office. In making such division the secretary of state shall 4 divide, in regular order, the alphabetical list of counties into the required 5 number of divisions, in such a manner that all divisions are as nearly equal 6 as convenient in the number of registered voters in such division as 7 compiled by the office of the secretary of state. The secretary of state, in 8 certifying the list of names of candidates to the county election officers, 9 shall assign, in regular order from the alphabetical list of candidates for 10 each office, the ballot position for each candidate in such a manner that every candidate for any office shall occupy a different ballot position in 11 12 each division. When, in the case of candidates for national or state offices 13 elected on less than a statewide basis, the secretary of state finds it 14 impossible to make a division which allows each such candidate in any 15 given district an equitable or fair opportunity to have such candidate's 16 name first on the ballot in the respective counties of the district, the 17 secretary of state shall order the county election officers in the various 18 counties of the district to rotate the names of the candidates for such 19 district offices according to precinct to obtain an equitable division. The 20 names of candidates for the same office but for different terms of service 21 therein shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their 22 respective terms.

In the case of the governor and lieutenant governor running together,
when the word "candidate" is used in this section, it shall mean pair of
candidates.

(b) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
 before July 1, 2016, shall develop the official general election ballot to
 place all municipal elections at the top of the ballot.

(c) The secretary of state shall establish the general election ballot
 styles for general elections in odd-numbered year elections for
 <u>municipalities</u> special districts by rules and regulations adopted on or
 before July 1, 2016.

33 Sec.-26. 30. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-611 is hereby amended to read as 34 follows: 25-611. (a) The arrangement of offices on the official general 35 ballot for municipal, national and state offices for those offices to be 36 elected shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for the 37 municipal offices followed by the offices of president and vice-president, 38 United States senator, United States representative district, 39 governor and lieutenant governor running together, secretary of state, 40 attorney general, (and any other officers elected from the state as a whole), 41 state senator _____ district, state representative _____ district, district judge _____ district, district magistrate judge _____ district, district 42 attorney _____ judicial district, and state board of education member 43

1	district.
2	(b) The arrangement of offices on the official general ballot for
3	county-and, township and municipal offices for those offices to be elected
4	shall be in the following order: Names of candidates for county
5	commissioner district, county clerk, county treasurer, register of
6	deeds, county attorney, sheriff, township trustee, township treasurer, and
7	township clerk.
8	(c) The secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted on or
9	before July 1, 2016, shall develop the order of arrangement of
10	municipal offices on the general election ballot.
11	(d) The arrangement of offices on the general ballot for
12	<u>municipalities</u> special districts and cities, if needed, in odd-numbered
13	year elections shall be established by the secretary of state by rules and
14	regulations adopted on or before July 1, 2016.
15	Sec. <u>27.</u> 31. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-618 is hereby amended to read as
16	follows: 25-618. (a) The official general ballot for county and township
17	offices may be separate from the official general ballot for national and
18	state offices or may be combined with the official general ballot provided
19	for in K.S.A. 25-601, and amendments thereto. The secretary of state shall
20	prescribe the ballot format but the ballot shall be substantially in the form
21	shown in this section and K.S.A. 25-611, and amendments thereto.
22	STATE OF KANSAS
23	OFFICIAL GENERAL BALLOT
24	County and Township Offices
25	County of, City (or Township) of November, year
26	November vear
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28	To vote for a person, make a cross or check mark in the square at the
29	left of the person's name. To vote for a person whose name is not printed
30	on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and make a cross
31	or check mark in the square to the left.
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33	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
34	DISTRICT
35	Vote for One
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40	FOR COUNTY CLERK
41	Vote for One
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3	FOR COUNTY TREASURER
4	Vote for One
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9	And continuing in like manner for all county and township offices to be
10	elected.
11	(b) The official general election ballot style for municipalities shall
12	be established by the secretary of state by rules and regulations adopted
13	on or before July 1, 2016.
14	(c) The official general election ballot style for special districts
15	shall be established by rules and regulations adopted on or before July
16	1, 2016.
17	Sec. <u>-28.</u> 32. K.S.A. 25-1115 is hereby amended to read as follows:
18	25-1115. (a) "General election" means the election elections held on the
19	Tuesday-succeeding following the first Monday in November of both even-
20	numbered and odd-numbered years, the elections held for officers on the
21	first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to
22	fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.
23	(b) "Primary election" means the election elections held on the first
24	Tuesday in August of both even-numbered and odd-numbered years, the
25	election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in-
26	April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates
27	for special election to any national, state, county, city-or, school, municipal
28	or special district office are eliminated by the process of the election but at
29	which no officer is finally elected.
30	Sec. <u>29.</u> 33. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as
31	follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county
32	election officer where such the person is a resident, or where such the
33	person is authorized by law to vote as a former precinct resident, an
34	application for an advance voting ballot. The signed application shall be
35	transmitted only to the county election officer by personal delivery, mail,
36	facsimile or as otherwise provided by law.
37	(b) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to
38	be transmitted in person, such the voter shall provide identification
39 40	pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto.
40 41	(c) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to
41 42	be transmitted by mail, such the voter shall provide with the application for an advance voting ballot the voter's current and valid Kances driver's
42 43	for an advance voting ballot the voter's current and valid Kansas driver's
43	license number, nondriver's identification card number or a photocopy of

any other identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments
 thereto.

3 (d) A voter may vote a provisional ballot according to K.S.A. 25-409,
4 and amendments thereto, if:

5 (1) The voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid 6 identification; or

7 (2) the name and address of the voter provided on the application for 8 an advance voting ballot do not match the voter's name and address on the 9 registration book. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as 10 defined in K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, to the county election officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the 11 12 meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of 13 14 identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a 15 16 voter's identification is valid and the provisional ballot was properly cast, 17 the ballot shall be counted

(e) No county election officer shall provide an advance voting ballot
 to a person who is requesting an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by
 mail unless:

21 (1) The county election official verifies that the signature of the 22 person matches that on file in the county voter registration records. 23 Signature verification may occur by electronic device or by human 24 inspection. In the event that the signature of a person who is requesting an 25 advance voting ballot does not match that on file, the county election 26 officer shall attempt to contact the person and shall offer the person 27 another opportunity to provide such the person's signature for the purposes 28 of verifying the person's identity. If the county election officer is unable to 29 reach the person, the county election officer may transmit a provisional 30 ballot, however, such provisional ballot may not be counted unless a 31 signature is included therewith that can be verified; and

32 (2) the person provides such person's full Kansas driver's license 33 number, Kansas nondriver's identification card number issued by the 34 division of vehicles, or submits such person's application for an advance 35 voting ballot and a copy of identification provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and 36 amendments thereto, to the county election officer for verification. If a 37 person applies for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail but 38 fails to provide identification pursuant to this subsection or the 39 identification of such the person cannot be verified by the county election 40 officer, the county election officer shall provide information to-such the person regarding the voter rights provisions of subsection (d) and shall 41 provide-such the person an opportunity to provide identification pursuant 42 43 to this subsection. For the purposes of this act, Kansas state offices and

offices of any subdivision of the state will allow any person seeking to
 vote by an advance voting ballot the use *of* a photocopying device to make
 one photocopy of an identification document at no cost.

4 (f) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the 5 voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:

6 (1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August 7 in *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, between April 1 of such 8 year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary 9 election.

10 (2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday-succeeding-11 *following* the first Monday in November in *both* even-numbered *and odd-*12 *numbered* years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last 13 business day of the week preceding such general election.

14 (3) For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first 15 Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the
 16 last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

17 (4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April,
 18 between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of
 19 the week preceding such general election.

(5) (3) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a
 primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election
 of officers at such election.

30 (7) (5) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified 31 by the secretary of state.

(8) (6) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of
 the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the
 week preceding such primary election.

The county election officer of any county may receive applications prior to the time specified in this subsection and hold such applications until the beginning of the prescribed application period. Such applications shall be treated as filed on that date.

(g) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office,
applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in
the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next
preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later
than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election

officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to
 the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be
 filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt of any such
 properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to
 the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

6 An application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has a 7 temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the 8 English language or by a person rendering assistance to such voter may be 9 filed during the regular advance ballot application periods until the close 10 of the polls on election day.

The county election officer may designate places other than the central county election office as satellite advance voting sites. At any satellite advance voting site, a registered voter may obtain an application for advance voting ballots. Such Ballots and instructions shall be delivered to the voter in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as otherwise provided by this subsection.

(h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has
been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an
application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for
permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such
information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and
also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to
permanent advance voting status.

24 (i) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this 25 section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such 26 27 applications, together with their correct post office address and the 28 precinct, ward, township or voting area in which such the persons claim to 29 be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct 30 residents and the present resident address of each applicant. Such Names 31 and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The 32 county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and 33 addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All 34 such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with 35 this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The 36 county election officer upon receipt of-such the applications shall enter 37 upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant, 38 which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of 39 any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make 40 such the inspection shall provide to the county election officer 41 identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification 42 and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by-such the 43 officer stating such the person's name and address and showing the date

and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer
 shall be subject to public inspection, except that the voter identification
 information required by subsections (b) and (c) and the identifying number
 on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such numbers shall not be
 made public.

6 (i) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in 7 two four consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the 8 first Monday in November of each even-numbered and odd-numbered 9 year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. Such The 10 notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application 11 12 for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is 13 mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting 14 15 list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status 16 shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration 17 list

(k) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to
 implement the provisions of this section and to define valid forms of
 identification.

Sec.<u>30.</u> 34. K.S.A. 25-2006 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2006. (a) "General election" means the election held for school officers on the first Tuesday in April in any odd-numbered year, *Tuesday following the first Monday in November of<u>odd-numbered</u> even-numbered years,* and in the case of special elections of any school officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election held-five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday-in April_following the first Monday in August of each_odd-numbered even-numbered year, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

Sec. <u>31.</u> 35. K.S.A. 25-2007 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 25-2007. (a) "Question submitted election" means any election at which a
 special question is to be voted on by the electors of the state or a part of
 them.

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(b) "County election officer" means:

38 (1) The election commissioner of the home county of the school
39 district if such county has an election commissioner;

40 (2) the county clerk of the home county of the school district if the 41 county does not have an election commissioner₅; and

42 (3) the county clerk-(, or the election commissioner if there is one), of 43 the county in which all or the greater part of the population is located in the case of a nonunified school district. In the event that doubt exists
 concerning which public officer is the county election officer under this
 subpart, the secretary of state shall specify such officer and such
 specification shall be conclusive.

5 (c) "Filing deadline" means the hour, date or time after which it is 6 provided by law no person may become a candidate for election to public 7 office; for school elections the filing deadline is 12:00 o'clock noon on the 8 Tuesday which precedes by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any 9 odd-numbered year the deadline established in K.S.A. 25-205, and 10 amendments thereto.

Sec. 32. 36. K.S.A. 25-2010 is hereby amended to read as follows: 11 12 25-2010. Election of board members and question submitted elections 13 shall be conducted by the county election officer of the home county of the school district. Board member general elections shall be held on the first 14 15 Tuesday in April of each odd-numbered year. If a primary election is 16 required to be held, such Tuesday following the first Monday in November 17 of odd-numbered even-numbered years. A primary election shall be held 18 on the *first* Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of 19 odd-numbered years in August of odd-numbered even-numbered years.

Sec. 33: 37. K.S.A. 25-2014 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2014. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and 26 general school elections shall be listed in the various possible orders in 27 rotation order as provided in K.S.A. 25-212 and 25-610, and amendments 28 thereto.

Sec.<u>34</u>. 38. K.S.A. 25-2017 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 25-2017. Consistent with this act the county election officer shall prescribe
 the form-and time of every publication notice applicable to any primary or
 general school election.

29 Sec. 39. K.S.A. 25-2017a is hereby amended to read as follows: 30 25-2017a. The clerk of the board of education of every school district 31 shall certify to the county election officer of the home county of the 32 school district a list of all school offices to be voted upon at each school 33 election, any boundary changes of member districts since the last 34 preceding election and the voting plan to be used as defined in K.S.A. 35 25-2005, and amendments thereto, not later than January May 1 of each 36 odd-numbered even-numbered year. A copy of the above information 37 shall be furnished to the county election officer of every county in 38 which a part of the territory of the school district is located.

Sec. <u>35.</u> 40. K.S.A. 25-2018 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25-2018. (a) Notices of board member elections and question submitted
elections of a school district shall be made as provided in this section.

42 (b) On or before January 15 <u>At the time and in the manner prescribed</u>
 43 <u>in K.S.A. 25-204, and amendments thereto</u>, On or before June 10 of even-

numbered years, the county election officer shall publish a notice of election one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school district. The notice for board member elections shall state: (1) The name of the school district₇; (2) the date of the general election₇; (3) the date of the primary election if one is held₇; (4) the filing deadline and the place of filing₅; and (5) the offices or positions to be filled.

7 (c) All notices provided for by this section shall be given in the form 8 prescribed by the secretary of state to the extent that any notice or part 9 thereof is prescribed by the secretary of state. The provisions of this 10 section shall not be construed to require the secretary of state to prescribe 11 any particular form.

12 (d) Not less than six weeks prior to the first Tuesday in April At the time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendments-13 thereto, On or before June 10 of each even-numbered year, a notice of 14 primary elections shall be published by the county election officer in a 15 16 newspaper having general circulation in the school district, if a primary 17 election is required to be held. The publication shall be made one time and 18 shall state: (1) The name of the school district₅; (2) the date of the primary 19 election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office or position for 20 which each is a candidate; (4) the voting place or places and the area each 21 voting place is to serve₅; and (5) the times of opening and closing of the 22 polls. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by the county 23 election officer.

24 (e) Not less than three days prior to the first Tuesday in April At the 25 time and in the manner prescribed in K.S.A. 25-209, and amendmentsthereto, On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, a 26 notice of the general election shall be published by the county election 27 28 officer one time in a newspaper having general circulation in the school 29 district. The notice shall state: (1) The name of the school district; (2) the 30 date of the general election; (3) the names of the candidates and the office 31 or position for which each is a candidate.; (4) the voting place or places 32 and the area each voting place is to serve; and (5) the time of opening and 33 closing of polls. Description of areas shall be in such terms as may be 34 determined by the county election officer.

35 (f) Notice of any question submitted election of any school district 36 shall be made in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments 37 thereto. The notice shall state: (1) the name of the school district; (2) the 38 date of the election; (3) the amount of bonds to be issued, if a bond 39 election; (4) the proposition to be voted upon; (5) the hours of opening 40 and closing of the polls; (6) the voting place or places and the area each 41 voting place is to serve; and (7) any other information specifically 42 required by law. Description of areas shall be in the terms determined by 43 the county election officer.

Sec. 36. **41.** K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2020 is hereby amended to read as 1 2 follows: 25-2020. (a) When a district method of election is in effect in any school district, a person may become a candidate for election to board 3 4 member by any one of the following methods:

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5 (1) Any person who is an elector in any member district may petition 6 to be a candidate for board member from the member district in which 7 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election 8 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors 9 residing in such member district or by a number of such electors equal to 10 not less than 10% of the electors residing in such member district, whichever is less 11

12 (2) Any person who is an elector in any school district may petition to be a candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which 13 such person resides. Any such person shall file with the county election 14 officer, a petition for such candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors 15 16 residing in such school district.

17 (3) Any person who is an elector in any member district may become 18 a candidate for board member from the member district in which such 19 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of 20 intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing 21 fee in the amount of \$5 \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the 22 secretary of state.

23 (4) Any person who is an elector in any school district may become a 24 candidate for board member at-large from the school district in which such 25 person resides by filing with the county election officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing 26 fee in the amount of \$5 \$20. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the 27 secretary of state. 28

29 (5) Any such petition or declaration shall specify the member position 30 for which the person is a candidate.

31 (b) When the election at large method is in effect in any school 32 district, a person may become a candidate for election to board member by 33 either one of the following methods:

34 (1) Any person who is an elector of the school district may petition to 35 be a candidate for board member. Any such person shall file with the 36 county election officer a petition for such candidacy signed by not less 37 than 50 electors residing in the school district.

38 (2) Any person who is an elector in the unified school district may 39 become a candidate for board member by filing with the county election 40 officer a declaration of intention to become such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5 \$20. Such declaration shall be 41 prescribed by the secretary of state. 42

(3) Any such petition or declaration which is for an unexpired term of

1 a member shall so specify.

(c) Any such petition or declaration of intent must be filed before the
filing deadline *as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.*No candidate shall be permitted to withdraw from candidacy after the
filing deadline.

(d) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination
petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for board
member, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such
petition or declaration.

10 (e) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, the 11 county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the 12 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or 13 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding. 14 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the 15 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and 16 amendments thereto.

17 Sec.<u>37.</u> 42. K.S.A. 25-2022 is hereby amended to read as follows: 18 25-2022. Any board shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy 19 which occurs thereon, and such appointee shall serve for the unexpired 20 term. When a vacancy occurs, the board shall publish a notice one time in 21 a newspaper having general circulation in the school district stating that 22 the vacancy has occurred and that it will be filled by appointment by the 23 board not sooner than fifteen (15) 15 days after such publication. If such 24 vacancy occurs before January 1 of an odd-numbered year May 1 of the 25 second year of the term leaving an unexpired term of more than two years such appointee shall serve until the July 1 second Monday in January after 26 27 the following general school election as provided in K.S.A. 25-2023, or 28 any and amendments thereto.

In the latter event, the unexpired term of two years commencing-July ton the second Monday in January after the following general school election shall be filled at such election and the ballots or ballot labels and returns of election with respect to such office shall be designated as follows: "To fill the unexpired term."

34 Sec.<u>38.</u> 43. K.S.A. 25-2023 is hereby amended to read as follows: 35 25-2023. Each board member shall qualify by filing an oath of office with 36 the election officer not later than ten (10) days The term of office of each 37 board member shall commence on the second Monday in January 38 following the date of the election, or not later than five (5) days after 39 issuance of such member's certificate of election, whichever is the later 40 date. Each board member shall take office on the July 1 following thegeneral school election. Each member elected shall qualify by filing an 41 42 oath of office with the county election office. Each member elected to a 43 board of education shall hold office until a successor is elected or

1 appointed and qualified and shall serve for a term of four-(4) years.

Sec.<u>39.</u> 44. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the-election *elections* held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of *both* evennumbered *and odd-numbered* years, the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

8 (b) "Primary election" means the <u>election</u> elections held on the first 9 Tuesday in August of <u>even-numbered</u> both even-numbered and odd-10 numbered years, the election held five weeks preceding the election on the 11 first Tuesday in April, and any other preliminary election at which part of 12 the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city or, 13 school or municipal office are eliminated by the process of the election but 14 at which no officer is finally elected.

15 (c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the 16 city is divided into member districts or wards.

(d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officerswithout member districts or wards.

19 Sec.-40: 45. K.S.A. 25-2107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 20 25-2107. The general election of city officers shall be held on the-first 21 Tuesday in April. Except as otherwise provided by law or as provided by 22 charter ordinance passed after April 30, 1968, pursuant to article 12,-23 section 5, of the constitution of Kansas, every city shall have an election of 24 eity officers in odd-numbered years only, and the terms of city officers 25 shall be two (2) years: Provided, however, That the provisions of thissection shall not invalidate, repeal or otherwise affect any charter-26 27 ordinance of any city of the third class having a population of not less than 28 one thousand five hundred (1,500) nor more than two thousand (2,000) located in a county having a population of not less than fifty thousand 29 30 (50,000) nor more than one hundred thousand (100,000), which ordinance 31 had become effective prior to April 30, 1968 Tuesday following the first 32 Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

(b) A primary may be held on the first Tuesday in August of each
even-numbered and odd-numbered year, if needed, as prescribed in
K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, and as provided in K.S.A. 252108a, and amendments thereto.

Sec.<u>41.</u> 46. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read
as follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers
on the *first* Tuesday-preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of
every year that such eity has a city election, except as otherwise provided
in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section in August of each evennumbered and odd-numbered year, if needed.

43 (b) In cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there

1 are more than three qualified candidates for any member district, the 2 county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary 3 election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates 4 receiving the greatest number of votes for any such member district at the 5 primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there 6 are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district there shall 7 not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed 8 on the ballots in the general election.

9 (c) In cities in which the election at large method of election is in 10 effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there are members to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there 11 12 shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of 13 candidates as there are members to be elected who received the greatest number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the 14 15 general election. If there are not more than three times the number of 16 candidates as there are members to be elected there shall not be a primary 17 election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in 18 the general election.

19 (d) On the ballots in general city elections, blank lines for the names 20 of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates 21 for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office 22 shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The 23 purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name 24 of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote 25 for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary 26 city election ballots.

Sec.<u>42.</u> 47. K.S.A. 25-2109 is hereby amended to read as follows:
25-2109. The filing deadline for all city elections shall be <u>12:00 o'clock</u> noon of the Tuesday preceding by 10 weeks the first Tuesday in April at *12 noon on June 1 as provided in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.*

31 Sec. 43. 48. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2110 is hereby amended to read as 32 follows: 25-2110. (a) In cities of the first and second class, any person-33 desiring to become a candidate for a city office elected at large shall file 34 with the city clerk before the filing deadline a statement of such candidacy 35 on a form furnished by the county election officer as specified by the-36 secretary of state. The city clerk of any city upon receiving any filing-37 under this section shall record the same and transmit it, together with the 38 filing fee or petition herein provided, within three business days to the 39 eounty election officer. In cities of the third class, Any person desiring to 40 become a candidate for city office elected at large shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the city is located, or of the county 41 in which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into 42 43 more than one county, or the city clerk, before the filing deadline,

established in K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, a statement declaration of candidacy on a form furnished by the county election
 officer as specified by the secretary of state.

4 (b) In cities having a population of less than 5,000, each such filing
5 shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$5 or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a
6 petition signed by 25 qualified electors of the city or by a number of such
7 qualified electors of the city equal to not less than 10% of the ballots east
8 at the last general city election, whichever is less.

9 (c) In cities having a population of not less than 5,000 nor more than 100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$10 or, in 11 lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 50 qualified electors of the 12 eity or by a number of such qualified electors of the eity equal to not less 13 than 1% of the ballots east and counted at the last general eity election, 14 whichever is less.

(d) In cities having a population of more than 100,000, each such filing shall be accompanied by a filing fee of \$50; or, in lieu of such filing fee, by a petition signed by 100 qualified electors of the city or by a number of qualified electors of the city equal to 1% of the ballots east at the last general city election, whichever is less The number of qualified electors of the city which must sign a nomination petition, shall be established by the city governing body by passage of an ordinance.

(e) (c) Within three days from the date of the filing of a nomination
 petition or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for a city office
 elected at large, the county election officer shall determine the validity of
 such petition or declaration.

26 (f) (d) If a nomination petition or declaration is found to be invalid, 27 the county election officer shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the 28 petition or declaration was filed that such nomination petition or 29 declaration has been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding. 30 Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the 31 county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and 32 amendments thereto.

(g) (e) All city elections shall be conducted by the county election
 officer of the county in which such city is located, or of the county in
 which the greater population of the city is located if the city extends into
 more than one county.

Sec.<u>44.</u> 49. K.S.A. 25-2113 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2113.(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, City elections shall be nonpartisan or partisan as determined by the governing body and shall be conducted in accordance with chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto. Laws applicable to elections occurring at the same time as city elections shall apply to city elections to the extent that the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act.

1 (b) The provisions of this subsection (b) shall apply to cities of the 2 first class in counties which have been declared urban areas as authorized by article 2, section 17, of the constitution of Kansas. Election laws of a 3 4 general nature which are applicable to partisan elections and which are not 5 in conflict with this subsection (b) or any specific law applicable to-6 election of city officers in any city to which this subsection (b) applies, 7 shall apply to elections held under the provisions of this subsection (b). 8 The county election officer shall prescribe the forms, ballots and ballot 9 labels for every election conducted under this subsection (b), and shall-10 make such rules and regulations not inconsistent with this subsection (b) as may be necessary for the conduct of such elections. 11

Sec.<u>45.</u> **50.** K.S.A. 25-2115 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2115. Names of candidates appearing on the ballots in primary and general city elections-in eities of the first and second class shall be listed-in the various possible orders in rotation in the various possible orders in rotation and *as provided in K.S.A. 25-212, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-610, and amendments thereto.*

Sec. 51. K.S.A. 25-2118 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2118. The city clerk shall certify to the county election officer a list of all city offices to be voted upon at each city election not later than January May 1 of every year that such city has a city election.

Sec.<u>-46.</u> **52.** K.S.A. 25-2120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2120. The county election officer who conducts the city election shall promptly certify to the city governing body the determination of election results made by the county board of canvassers. The term of office shall commence with and include the first regular meeting of the governing body on the second Monday in January following certification of the election.

Every person elected or appointed to city office, before entering upon the duties of such office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation as specified in K.S.A. 54-106, *and amendments thereto*, and every such oath or affirmation shall be filed with the city clerk.

33 Sec.<u>47</u>. **53.** K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-2311 is hereby amended to read as 34 follows: 25-2311. (a) County election officers shall provide for the 35 registration of voters at one or more places on all days except the 36 following:

(1) Days when the main offices of the county government are closed
for business, except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer
under the provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

40 (2) days when the main offices of the city government are closed for
41 business, in the case of deputy county election officers who are city clerks
42 except as is otherwise provided by any county election officer under the
43 provisions of K.S.A. 25-2312, and amendments thereto;

1 (3) the 20 days preceding the day of primary and general-state-2 elections;

3 (4) the 20 days preceding the day of primary city and school-4 elections, if either has a primary;

5 (5) the 20 days preceding each first Tuesday in April of odd-6 numbered years, being the day of city and school general elections;

7 (6) (4) the 20 days preceding the day of any election other than one 8 specified in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) of this subsection; and

9 (7) (5) the day of any primary or general election or any question 10 submitted election.

(b) For the purposes of this section in counting days that registration
books are to be closed, all of the days including Sunday and legal holidays
shall be counted.

(c) The secretary of state shall notify every county election officer of
the dates when registration shall be closed preceding primary and general
state, eity and school elections. The days so specified by the secretary of
state shall be conclusive. Such notice shall be given by the secretary of
state by mail at least 60 days preceding every primary and general-state,
eity and school election.

20 (d) The last days before closing of registration books as directed by 21 the secretary of state under subsection (c)-of this section, county election 22 officers shall provide for registration of voters during regular business 23 hours, during the noon hours and at other than regular business hours upon such days as the county election officers deem necessary. The last three 24 25 business days before closing of registration books prior to-state primary 26 and general elections, county election officers may provide for registration 27 of voters until 9 p.m. in-cities of the first and second class any city.

(e) County election officers shall accept and process applications received by voter registration agencies and the division of motor vehicles not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any election; mailed voter registration applications that are postmarked not later than the 21st day preceding the date of any election; or, if the postmark is illegible or missing, is received in the mail not later than the ninth day preceding the day of any election.

(f) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations interpreting the provisions of this section and specifying the days when registration shall be open, days when registration shall be closed, and days when it is optional with the county election officer for registration to be open or closed.

(g) Before each primary and general election held in even-numbered
 odd-numbered years, and at times and in a form prescribed by the
 secretary of state, each county election officer shall certify to the secretary
 of state the number of registered voters in each precinct of the county as

1 shown by the registration books in the office of such county election 2 officer.

3 Sec.<u>48.</u> **54.** K.S.A. 25-2502 is hereby amended to read as follows: 4 25-2502. (a) "General election" means the<u>-election elections held on the</u> 5 Tuesday-succeeding *following* the first Monday in November of *both* even-6 numbered *and odd-numbered* years, the elections held for officers on the 7 first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to 8 fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

9 (b) "Primary election" means the <u>election</u> elections held on the first 10 Tuesday in August of *both* even-numbered *and odd-numbered* years, the 11 election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in 12 April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates 13 for special election to any national, state, county, township, city-or, school 14 *or other municipal* office are eliminated by the process of the election but 15 at which no officer is finally elected.

16 Sec. <u>49.</u> **55.** K.S.A. 25-2804 is hereby amended to read as follows: 17 25-2804. (a) Each person recommended as provided in <u>subsection (a) of</u> 18 K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto, shall be a resident of the area 19 served by the voting place in which such person is to be a judge or clerk.

20 (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection, all judges and 21 clerks shall have the qualifications of an elector in the election at which 22 they serve, and no judge or clerk shall be a candidate for any office, other 23 than the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman, to 24 be elected at such election. The county election officer may appoint 25 persons who are at least 16 years of age to serve as election judges or 26 clerks if such persons meet all other requirements for qualification of an 27 elector and have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher, 28 counselor or administrator. No more than one person two persons under the age of 18 may be appointed to each election board $\int_{a}^{b} dt$ of the persons 29 30 appointed to each election board may be under the age of 18.

(c) The county election officer may establish a pool of trained judges
and clerks who shall be recommended by the county chairpersons
specified in-subsection (a) of K.S.A. 25-2803(a), and amendments thereto.
Judges and clerks in such pool may serve at voting places other than their
own if:

36 (1) The chairpersons specified in subsection (a) of K.S.A. 2537 2803(a), and amendments thereto, or either of them, have failed to make
appropriate recommendations;

39 (2) it is impossible to obtain judges and clerks for a voting place in40 any other way; or

41 (3) voting machines are used, in which case the third judge, who shall
42 be trained in the use of voting machines, need not necessarily live in the
43 area of the voting place.

1 (d) Any judge or clerk serving in a voting place not located in the 2 area in which such judge or clerk resides or serving on a special election 3 board established under<u>subsection (e) of</u> K.S.A. 25-1133(c), and 4 amendments thereto, shall be allowed to vote an advance voting ballot in 5 accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 25-1119, and amendments 6 thereto, or shall be excused from duties as such judge or clerk to vote at 7 the voting place in the area where such judge or clerk resides.

8 Sec.<u>50.</u> 56. K.S.A. 25-2901 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 25-2901. When a voter receives a ballot, or set of ballots, such voter shall 10 go promptly and directly to one of the voting booths and mark the ballots therein. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth already occupied by 11 another voter. No voter shall be allowed to occupy a booth more than five 12 13 10 minutes if other voters are waiting to occupy the same. The voter shall 14 mark the ballot by making a cross or check mark in the voting squares at 15 the left of the names of candidates.

Sec.<u>51.</u> 57. K.S.A. 25-3503 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3503. (a) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and such occurrence is not more than <u>ninety (90)</u> 90 days and not less than thirty (30) 30 days before any primary election<u>of</u> state officers, the election provided for in this act shall be held on the same date as the primary electionof state officers.

(b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, and
such occurrence is not more than ninety (90) days and not less than thirty
(30) days before any regular primary or general election of city and school
officers occurring in an odd-numbered year, the election provided for in
this act shall be held within such ninety (90) days and on the same date as
such primary or general election.

28 (e) (b) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies, 29 and such occurrence is not more than thirty (30) 30 days before any primary election-of state officers and before the general election-of state 30 31 officers, at such general election votes cast for the office of congressman 32 for members of congress in the district in which such vacancy has occurred 33 shall be deemed to be cast to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term, as 34 well as for the election for the next regular term. The governor shall 35 proclaim the date of the election to be the same as the general election-of 36 state officers

(d) (c) In the event that any vacancy occurs to which this act applies,
on or after the date of any general election-of state officers and before the
term of office in which the vacancy has occurred expires, votes cast for the
office-of congressman for members of congress in the district in which
such vacancy occurs shall be deemed to have been cast to fill such vacancy
for the unexpired term, as well as for election for the next regular term.
The governor's approval of this act shall be deemed to proclaim that every

regular election of a representative to the United States congress shall be
 an election for the unexpired term if any should occur, as well as election
 for the next regular term. In cases to which subsection (c) of this section
 (b) or this subsection applies, the person elected for the next regular term
 shall be deemed to have been elected for the balance of the unexpired term
 also.

7 Sec. 52. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as: 8 follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election held in August of a-9 presidential election year, the members of the party residing in each-10 precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as: precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct-11 committeewoman to serve four-year terms. No person shall be eligible to 12 13 be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually: 14 lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all 15 16 other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party 17 on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer. 18 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office 19 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by 20 appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which 21 occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall-22 not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its 23 chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinet-24 committeemen and committeewomen, the county chairperson making the 25 appointments shall notify the county election officer of such appointments. The county election officer shall make such appointments public_ 26 immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act, "primary election". 27 28 means the statewide presidential election held in August of even-29 numbered vears. 30 (b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of 31 Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, to fill a vacancy, no 32 appointments shall be made under subsection (a): (1) After the county-33 chairperson has received notice from the county election officer of a-34 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected office; or (2) after the 35 county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which, is located within 36 a legislative district has received notice from the secretary of state of a 37 vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office. 38 After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention 39 held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 40 amendments thereto, any vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman 41 or committeewoman shall be filled as provided by subsection (a). 42 Sec. 53. 58. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 42-706 is hereby amended to read as 43 follows: 42-706. (a) The officers of such district shall be a board of

1 directors consisting of three members who shall be persons entitled to vote 2 as provided in subsection (h) (g) and residents of a county in which the 3 district or a portion thereof is located, or county adjoining a county in 4 which such irrigation district or a portion thereof is located. Such members 5 shall hold office for a period of three two or four years, such term of office 6 being established by the board of directors by passage of a resolution, and 7 each shall serve until a successor has been elected and gualified. The 8 members of the board of directors first elected after the creation of an 9 irrigation district shall hold their respective offices until the next regular 10 election for the election of directors as provided in subsection (e) or (f) of this section except that the terms of the three directors shall be as provided 11 12 in subsection (e) of this section.

13 (b) The chief engineer of the division of water resources, after the incorporation of such irrigation district, shall establish and designate the 14 15 polling place or places therein where the first election will be conducted 16 and fix the time for such election within 60 days after the date of 17 incorporation. In any irrigation district of more than 35,000 acres, the chief 18 engineer of the division of water resources shall, prior to designating 19 polling places, establish three voting areas within such district as equal as 20 possible in acreage and shall designate the same as the first, second or 21 third voting area. Such polling place or places may thereafter be changed 22 by the board of directors, and the board may arrange for polling places 23 outside the corporate boundaries of the district if such places are more 24 convenient than locations within the district. Prior to the holding of the 25 first election in newly created districts, the chief engineer of the division of 26 water resources shall appoint from the qualified electors of the district 27 three persons for such election for each voting place who shall constitute 28 boards of election for such district for such election. If the members 29 appointed do not attend at the opening of the polls on the day of election, 30 at the opening hour, the electors present at that hour shall elect from the 31 electors present members of the election board necessary to fill the place 32 of any absent member.

33 (c) The board of directors of every district of more than 35,000 acres 34 which was incorporated prior to the effective date of this act shall establish 35 three voting areas within the district as equal as possible in acreage and 36 designate the same as the first, second or third voting area. The board shall 37 also establish and designate the polling place or places within each voting 38 area. At the first election held after the effective date of this act, a director 39 shall be elected from each voting area and the person receiving the highest 40 number of votes shall serve for a term of three years, the person receiving 41 the second highest number of votes shall serve for a term of two years, and 42 the person receiving the third highest number of votes shall serve for a 43 term of one year. At each subsequent election, only one director shall be

1 elected each year for a term of three years. Any director elected under this

2 provision must be a person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h)
3 for the term length established by the board.

4 (d) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), all elections shall be 5 conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state except 6 as otherwise provided in this act. Advance voting as provided in article 11 7 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, 8 shall be provided for by the county election officers and boards of 9 directors for those persons entitled to vote under subsection (h) (g). The 10 forms for the ballot envelope declaration as provided in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the applications for advance ballots as 11 12 provided in K.S.A. 25-1122d, and amendments thereto, shall be modified 13 to establish that such person is a qualified owner of irrigable land within 14 the district. After polls are closed the election boards shall proceed to 15 canvass the votes cast thereat, shall certify to the county election officer of 16 the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the 17 irrigation district is located and the chief engineer the result of such 18 election. The clerks shall then securely wrap the ballots cast at such 19 elections and shall express or mail the same by registered mail to the 20 county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the 21 population of the irrigation district is located. The county election officer 22 shall canvass the ballots, verify the results and declare the person receiving 23 the highest number of votes duly elected as director except that at the first 24 election after creation of a district the county election officer of the county 25 in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is 26 located shall declare the three persons receiving the highest number of 27 votes duly elected as directors except that in districts divided into three 28 voting areas, the person receiving the highest number of votes in each 29 voting area shall be duly elected as director. Such county election officer 30 shall immediately mail, to each person elected to the office of director a 31 certificate of election signed by such officer. The directors shall thereupon 32 qualify and enter upon the duties of their office. Directors shall qualify by 33 taking and subscribing to an oath of office of substantially the same tenor 34 as oath of office prescribed for county officials. Each member of the board 35 of directors shall execute an official bond in the sum of \$1,000 which oath 36 and bond shall be filed with the county election officer of the county in 37 which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is 38 located. The treasurer of each irrigation district shall execute to the district 39 a corporate surety bond in an amount at least equal to 125% of the amount, 40 as near as can be ascertained, that shall be in such person's hands as 41 treasurer at any one time. The amount and sufficiency of the bond of the 42 treasurer shall be determined by the county election officer. Upon approval 43 of the bond, the county election officer shall endorse such approval

thereon and file the same in the office of the county election officer and 1 2 shall immediately notify the county treasurer of the county in which the 3 registered office of the irrigation district is located of such approval and 4 filing. In the event of the breach of any condition of the treasurer's bond, 5 the president and secretary of the board shall cause a suit to be commenced 6 thereon in the name of the irrigation district. It shall not be necessary to 7 include the treasurer as a party to the action and the money collected shall 8 be applied to the use of the district, as the same should have been applied 9 by the treasurer. Should the president and secretary neglect or refuse to 10 prosecute such a suit, then any person entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h) (g) may cause such suit to be instituted. Premiums on surety 11 12 bonds for such directors and treasurers of irrigation districts shall be paid 13 by the district out of its general funds. In case the office of any director 14 shall become vacant the remaining members of the board shall fill the 15 vacancy by appointment. A director appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve 16 the unexpired term of the director whose term such person was appointed 17 to fill

18 (2) For any election except the election required in subsection (b), the 19 board of directors may adopt a procedure providing for the election of 20 members by mail ballot. Such procedure shall require the board to mail 21 ballots to all persons entitled to vote, to receive and tabulate the ballots, to 22 canvass the election and to certify the results to the county election officer. 23 The irrigation district shall be responsible for the direct expenses of 24 conducting the election. The ballot envelope used for mailing ballots shall 25 contain a declaration establishing that the person who signs the declaration 26 is a qualified owner of irrigable land within the district.

27 (e) All regular elections of directors of irrigation districts shall be 28 held the first Tuesday in March except as provided by subsection (g)-29 Tuesday following the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years. Any districts organized after the regular-March election shall hold its 30 31 election at the next regular-March election following incorporation of the 32 district and, at this election three directors shall be elected and the person 33 receiving the highest number of votes shall serve for a term of three four 34 years, the person persons receiving the second and third highest number of 35 votes shall serve for a term of two years, and the person receiving the third 36 highest number of votes shall serve for a term of one year. In case the first 37 election after creation of a district is held between June 1 of any year and 38 the day preceding the first Tuesday in March following the first Monday in 39 November of the next succeeding odd-numbered year, the next regular 40 March-election shall be held in the second succeeding odd-numbered year. 41 At each subsequent regular election, only one director shall be elected 42 each year for a term of three four years. All persons desiring to be voted 43 upon as directors shall at least 30 days before the day of holding of the

elections, file such person's name with the county election officer of the 1 2 county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is located, affixed to a statement that such person desires such-3 person's name to be placed on the ticket as a candidate for member of 4 5 board of directors of the district in such election Any person desiring to be 6 a candidate for election to the board of directors shall file a candidate's 7 declaration of intention with the county election officer of the county in 8 which all or the greater part of the population of the district is located. 9 Such candidate's filing shall utilize the procedures provided in section-6 10, and amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto. 10 The county election officer shall-make up the ticket, at expense of the-11 12 irrigation district prepare the ballot, and place the names thereon in 13 alphabetical order and shall supply election officials with necessary ballots 14 and polling books at the irrigation district's expense. At least five days 15 before any election held subsequent to first election of directors, theboards of directors shall name and appoint three persons for each voting 16 17 place, who shall be qualified electors in the district. At least five days 18 before any election, the county clerks of the various counties within which 19 a portion of the district is located, shall cause to be ascertained the names 20 of all persons entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h) (g) and shall 21 furnish lists thereof to each election board within such county and to the 22 secretary of the board of directors of the district. Notice of the time and places of holding of the election, signed by the president and attested by 23 24 the secretary of the district shall be given in some newspaper or-25 newspapers general election, shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper of general circulation in the district for one issue at 26 27 least five days prior to date of the election in accordance with K.S.A. 25-28 105, and amendments thereto. The return results of all special or bond elections shall be made available to the secretary of the district, and 29 30 eanvassed by the board of directors. All expenses of election, not 31 otherwise provided for herein, shall be paid for out of the general funds of 32 the irrigation district. Election officials shall receive the same 33 compensation as provided under general election laws.

34 (f) In lieu of the election procedures provided in this section 35 pertaining to regular elections of directors in accordance with the general 36 election laws of the state, the board of directors of any irrigation district of 37 less than 35,000 acres in size may call an annual meeting of all persons 38 entitled to vote as provided in subsection (h) (g) for the purpose of electing 39 directors. Such annual meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March, 40 except as provided by subsection (g). Notice of the time and place of 41 holding said annual meeting shall be given in some newspaper or 42 newspapers of general circulation in the district for one issue at least 30 43 days prior to date of such meeting. Elections at the annual meeting shall be

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1 by ballot, with absentee voting as provided under subsection (d) of this 2 section. All persons desiring to be voted upon as director shall at least 30 3 days before the day of holding the annual meeting file such person's name 4 with the secretary of the board of directors of the district, affixed to a 5 statement that such person desires such person's name to be placed on the 6 ballot as a candidate for member of board of directors of the district. The 7 board of directors shall appoint three owners of irrigable land in the 8 district to serve as an election board at the annual meeting. After the votes 9 are cast at the annual meeting the election board shall proceed to canvass 10 the votes and shall certify to the county election officer of the county in which all or the greater part of the population of the irrigation district is 11 12 located and the chief engineer the result of such election. All provisions of 13 this section not inconsistent with the provisions of subsection (f) shall apply to the election of directors at the annual meeting. 14

(g) In any case where the time for any regular election of directors as
described in subsection (e), or the election as described in subsection (f), is
the same for any two districts having the same district manager, such
election shall be held on the first Wednesday following the first Tuesday in
March by the district organized latest in time.

20 (h) (g) Until such time as assessments are made in the district 21 pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled 22 to vote shall be "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district, as 23 such term is defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, and who 24 are otherwise qualified electors.

25 After lands have been assessed in the district pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, those persons entitled to vote shall be 26 27 "qualified owners of land" within the irrigation district as such term is 28 defined in K.S.A. 42-701, and amendments thereto, which has been 29 assessed pursuant to K.S.A. 42-715, and amendments thereto, and who are 30 otherwise qualified electors. For voting purposes, any person entitled to 31 vote under this subsection who owns land in more than one voting area 32 shall vote in the voting area which includes the greatest portion of such 33 person's land. As used in this section, the term "qualified electors" shall 34 include a person who is the legal qualified owner of irrigable land or a 35 person, who is authorized, in writing, to vote for a trust, corporation, 36 association or partnership which is the legal qualified owner of irrigable 37 land. Such person is not required to be a resident of the district. Such trust, 38 corporation, association or partnership shall be allowed only one vote. The 39 person authorized by such entity to vote shall be someone who is not 40 otherwise entitled to a vote under this section.

Sec.<u>54.</u> 59. K.S.A. 71-1408 is hereby amended to read as follows:
71-1408. Change of method of election in any community college district
may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time during the

1 period beginning on the first Wednesday in April November of each odd-2 numbered year and ending on the first Tuesday in December June of each 3 even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner 4 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of 5 election in such district shall be followed in the election of trustees next 6 following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in 7 the manner provided in this act. Change of method of election shall not 8 shorten the term of any trustee serving on the board at the time the change 9 is made.

Sec.<u>-55.</u> 60. K.S.A. 71-1412 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 71-1412. Each member of the board of trustees of a community college
 shall be elected for a four-year term commencing on the July 1 second
 Monday in January following election. Members shall serve until their
 successors are elected or appointed and qualified.

15 Sec. 56. 61. K.S.A. 71-1413 is hereby amended to read as follows: 16 71-1413. (a) Elections of trustees of community colleges shall be 17 conducted by the county election officer of the county in which the main 18 campus of the college is located. In any college district having territory in 19 more than one county, the county election officers of all such counties 20 shall cooperate with the county election officer of the county in which the 21 main campus is located, and upon establishing any new community 22 college or adding territory to any of the community college districts, the 23 state board, in accordance with this section, shall specify the county in 24 which the main campus shall be located for the purpose of this section. 25 General community college elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in 26 April of each odd-numbered year following the first Monday in November 27 of each odd-numbered year.

(b) Any primary community college election shall be held on the
 Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of odd numbered years first Tuesday of August of each odd-numbered year in
 accordance with K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

(c) Notice of the time and place of holding each primary and general
election shall be published by the county election officer in a newspaper
published in the county in accordance with K.S.A. 25-209, and
amendments thereto, and K.S.A. 25-105, and amendments thereto.

Sec.<u>57.</u> **62.** K.S.A. 71-1414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 71-1414. (a) (1) In college districts where a district method of election is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a community college by any one of the following methods:

(A) Any person who is an elector of any member district may petition
to be a candidate for member from the member district in which such
person resides. Any such person shall file with the election officer a
petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors

1 residing in such person's member district.

2 (B) Any person who is an elector of any member district may become 3 a candidate for member from the member district in which such person 4 resides by filing with the election officer a declaration of intent to be such 5 a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5 \$20.

6 (C) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member 7 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district 8 may petition to be a candidate for the at-large member position. Any such 9 person shall file with the county election officer a petition for such 10 candidacy signed by not less than 50 electors residing in such college 11 district.

12 (D) If a community college adopts and implements a seven member 13 board of trustees plan, any person who is an elector of the college district 14 may become a candidate for the at-large member position by filing with 15 the county election officer a declaration of intent to be such a candidate, 16 and payment therewith of a filing fee in the amount of \$5 \$20.

17 (2) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this subsection18 must specify the member position for which the person is a candidate.

(b) In college districts where the election-at-large method of election
is in effect, a person may become a candidate for election to trustee of a
community college by either one of the following methods:

(1) Any person who is an elector of the college district may petition
to be a candidate for trustee. Any such person shall file with the election
officer a petition for such person's candidacy signed by not less than 50
electors residing in the college district.

26 (2) Any person who is an elector of the college district may become a 27 candidate for trustee by filing with the election officer a declaration of 28 intent to be such a candidate, and payment therewith of a filing fee in the 29 amount of \$5 \$20.

(c) Every petition or declaration of intent filed under this section must
be filed on or before-12 o'clock 12 noon on the Tuesday which precedes by
10 weeks the first Tuesday in April of any odd-numbered year. No such
petition or declaration shall be filed sooner than the second Tuesday of the
December which next precedes the community college election June 1 of
each odd-numbered year as provided in section-6 10, and amendments
thereto, and K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto.

Sec.<u>-58.</u> 63. K.S.A. 71-1419 is hereby amended to read as follows:
71-1419. (a) The election of trustees of community colleges shall be
nonpartisan and laws applicable only to partisan elections shall not apply
in such elections. All laws applicable to elections, the violation of which is
a crime, shall be applicable to election of trustees of community colleges.

42 (b) Except as is provided in (a) above, laws applicable to local-43 elections, including voter registration laws, occurring at the same time as election of trustees shall apply to the election of trustees to the extent that
 the same are not in conflict with the provisions of this act. The provisions
 of this subsection (b) shall not apply to election notices.

(c) Ballots for election of trustees shall be canvassed by the members
 of election boards canvassing ballots in other local elections insofar as is
 practicable, and where it is not practicable, the county election officer shall
 provide for such canvass by other appropriate means.

8 Sec. 59. 64. K.S.A. 72-8008 is hereby amended to read as follows: 9 72-8008. Change of method of election or voting plan or both in any school district may be made in the manner provided in this act at any time 10 during the period beginning on the first Wednesday in-April November of 11 each-odd-numbered even-numbered odd-numbered year and ending on 12 the first Tuesday in-December June of each even-numbered odd-numbered 13 even-numbered year, if such change is also approved in a manner 14 authorized in this act before the end of such period. The new method of 15 16 election and voting plan in such school district shall be followed in the 17 election of members next following such change and shall continue in force until again changed in the manner provided in this act. Change of 18 method of election or voting plan shall not shorten the term of any member 19 20 serving on the board at the time the change is made, and the county 21 election officer shall not submit to election any plan of change which 22 violates this prohibition.

Sec. <u>60.</u> 65. K.S.A. 80-2508 is hereby amended to read as follows:
 80-2508. (a) Subject to the limitations provided in this act, any of the four
 methods described in this section may be used in the selection of members
 of boards. The four methods are:

(1) Elections of board members shall be held at the annual meeting of
the qualified electors of the hospital district for the positions on the board
which are to expire in such year.

30 (2) Board members shall be appointed by the governing bodies of the
 31 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the
 32 hospital.

(3) (A) Elections of board members for three-year four-year terms
shall be held on the first Tuesday in April following the first Monday in
November of odd-numbered even-numbered years of each year for the
positions on the board which are to expire in such year. All positions shall
be at-large. Each board member shall take office on the May 1 second
Monday in January following the date of election.

(B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a
 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a
 filing fee in the amount of \$10 \$20.

4 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph 5 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that 6 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election 7 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective 8 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county 9 10 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were 11 prepared.

12 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is 13 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of 14 positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote 15 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is 16 qualified to vote.

(E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the
 laws applicable to the election of city officers shall apply to the election of
 members of the board.

20 (4) (A) Elections of board members for four-year terms shall be held 21 on the-first Tuesday *succeeding the first Monday* in-April *November* of 22 each *odd-numbered* year for the positions on the board which are to expire 23 in such year. All positions shall be at-large. Each board member shall take 24 office on the-May 1 following the date of election second Monday in 25 January.

26 (B) Any person desiring to become a candidate for board member 27 shall file with the county election officer of the county in which the 28 political subdivisions joining in the operation and maintenance of the 29 hospital, or the greater portion of the area thereof, are located, before the filing deadline specified in K.S.A. 25-2109, and amendments thereto, 30 31 either a petition signed by not less than 50 electors eligible to vote for a 32 candidate or a declaration of intent to become a candidate together with a 33 filing fee in the amount of \$10 \$20.

34 (C) The county election officer of the county specified in paragraph 35 (B) shall prepare the ballots for such election including ballots for that 36 portion of the district located in any other county. The county election 37 officers of each county shall conduct the election in their respective 38 counties, and the board of county canvassers of each such county shall 39 certify the results of the votes cast in its county to the board of county 40 canvassers in the county in which the ballots for the election were 41 prepared.

42 (D) Ballots shall be prepared in such manner that each voter is 43 instructed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of positions to be filled. Such instruction shall specify that the voter may vote
 for fewer than the total number of candidates for which the voter is
 qualified to vote.

4 (E) Where not in conflict with this provision of this subsection, the 5 laws applicable to the election of eity officers shall apply to the election of 6 members of the board.

7 (b) If the method of selection of members of the board of any hospital 8 is the method provided for in provision (1) or provision (2) of subsection 9 (a)(1) or (2), such method of selection may be changed to the method provided for in provision (3) or provision (4) of subsection (a)(3) or (4) by 10 majority vote of the qualified electors voting at an annual meeting thereof. 11 12 Whenever the method of selection of members of a board is changed to the method provided for in provision (3) or provision (4) of subsection (a)(3)13 14 or (4), the term of each member serving on the board at the time of the 15 change of method of selection shall expire on May 1 of the year in which 16 the term of such member is to expire, except that for the purpose of electing members to the board at a time to coincide with elections for other 17 18 purposes, the board may extend the term of any member for not to exceed 19 one year from the date such member's term would otherwise expire and the 20 board of Sublette hospital district may change prior to the election the 21 length of term for one member to be elected at the 1997 election from four 22 years to two years. If the members of the board are currently selected 23 pursuant to provision (3) of subsection (a)(3), the method of selection may 24 be changed to the method provided for in provision (4) of subsection (a) 25 (4) by a majority vote of the board members.

26 <u>{New Sec. 61. (a) Whenever a statute requires or otherwise provides</u> 27 <u>for an election on the issue of:</u>

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(1) Levying or increasing the levy of any tax; or

29 (2) authorizing the issuance of bonds by any municipality, the
 30 elections shall be held at the next regularly scheduled primary or
 31 general election.

32 <u>{(b) "Municipality" shall mean any city, county or school district.</u>

33 Sec. 62. K.S.A. 10-120 is hereby amended to read as follows: 10-120. 34 {(a)} Whenever an election is required for the issuance of bonds for any 35 purpose by any municipality other than an irrigation district or where a 36 different procedure for giving notice of the election is specifically-37 provided by law, upon compliance with the legal requirements necessary 38 and precedent to the call for the election, the proper municipal officers-39 shall call an election. The election shall be held within 45 days after-40 compliance with the necessary requirements, or within 90 days, should the 41 longer period include the date of a at the next primary or general election 42 which permits the notice requirements of subsection (b) to be met.

43 (b) Notice of the election shall be published in a newspaper of general

1 eirculation in the municipality once each week for two consecutive weeks. 2 The first publication shall be not less than 21 days prior to the election. 3 The notice shall set forth the time and place of holding the election and the 4 purpose for which the bonds are to be issued and shall be signed by the 5 county election officer. The election shall be held at the usual place of 6 holding elections and shall be conducted by the officers or persons-7 provided by law for holding elections in the municipality. 8 Sec. 63. K.S.A. 12-138 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-138. 9 Any city election called under the provisions of this act shall be called 10 within 30 days and held within 90 days after the filing of a petition demanding such election, or after the publication of an ordinance 11 12 authorizing a levy for which an election is called without petition. Thegoverning body shall pass an ordinance calling the election and fixing the 13 date, which at the next regular primary or general election and such 14 15 ordinance shall be published once in the official city newspaper. The-16 sufficiency of the number of signers of any petition filed under the 17 provisions of this act shall be determined by the county election officer. 18 Every election held under the provisions of this act shall be conducted by 19 the county election officer. The county election officer shall publish a 20 notice of such election once each week for two consecutive weeks in the 21 official city newspaper, the first publication to be not less than 21 days 22 prior to such election. The notice shall state the time of the election and the 23 proposition which shall appear on the ballot. The proposition shall be:-24 "Shall revenue ordinance No., entitled (title of ordinance) takeeffect?" 25 26 See. 64. K.S.A. 12-6a15 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-27 6a15. The governing body of any city proposing to issue general obligation 28 bonds of the city for payment of any portion of the costs of any-29 improvement authorized by this act may by resolution submit the question 30 of issuing such bonds at a general or special an election called for that 31 purpose under the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, and amendments thereto. 32 and if such election be called, no such bonds shall be issued until and 33 unless a majority of the electors voting on the proposition shall have given 34 their approval to the issuance of such the bonds. 35 See. 65. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-1737 is hereby amended to read as 36 follows: 12-1737. The governing body of any city may, for the purposes 37 hereinbefore authorized and provided: 38 (a) Receive and expend gifts; 39 (b) receive and expend grants-in-aid of state or federal funds; 40 (c) issue bonds of the city; 41 (d) levy an annual tax of not more than one mill for any eity of the 42 first class and not more than two mills for any city of the second or third 43 elass, which tax levy may be made for a period not exceeding 10 years

1 upon all taxable tangible property in such city for the purpose of creating a 2 building fund to be used for the purposes herein provided and to pay a 3 portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued by such city under the 4 authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto; 5 (c) issue no-fund warrants; 6 (f) use moneys from the general operating fund or other appropriate 7 budgeted fund when available; 8 (g) use moneys received from the sale of public buildings or-9 buildings and sites; or 10 (h) combine any two or more of such methods of financing for the 11 purposes herein authorized except that eities shall first use funds received 12 from the payment of insurance claims for damages sustained by any such 13 public building before resorting to methods of financing herein authorized. An election upon the issuance of bonds under the authority of this act 14 15 shall be required for the purpose of acquiring or constructing city offices, 16 public libraries, auditoriums, community or recreational buildings. 17 When an election upon the issuance of bonds is required, the question 18 of the issuance of such bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified 19 electors of the city at a regular city primary or general election or at a 20 special election called for that purpose. No such bonds shall be issued 21 unless a majority of those voting on the question vote in favor of the 22 issuance of the bonds. The bond election shall be called and held and the 23 bonds shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of the generalbond law. No levies shall be made for the purpose of creating a building 24 25 fund under the provisions of this act until a resolution authorizing the-26 making of such levies is adopted by the governing body of the city. Such 27 resolution shall state the specific purpose for which the tax levy is made, 28 the total amount proposed to be raised and the number of years the tax 29 levy shall be made. The resolution shall be published once each week for 30 two consecutive weeks in the official city paper. After publication, the 31 levies may be made unless a petition requesting an election upon the-32 guestion of whether to make the levies is filed in accordance with this 33 section. Such petition shall be signed by electors equal in number to not 34 less than 10% of the electors who voted at the last preceding regular city 35 election as shown by the poll books, is filed with the city elerk of such city 36 within 60 days following the last publication of the resolution. If a valid 37 petition is filed, the governing body shall submit the question to the voters 38 at an election called for that purpose or at the next regular city primary or 39 general election. 40 The levy authorized by this section shall be in addition to and not 41 limited by any other act authorizing or limiting the tax levies of the city. 42 The building fund may be used for the purposes provided by this act at any

43 time after the second levy has been made. If there are insufficient moneys

1 in the building fund for expenditures for such purposes, the governing-2 body of the city may issue bonds of the city in the manner provided by the 3 general bond law of the state and in an amount which, together with the 4 amount raised by the tax levy authorized by this act, will not exceed the 5 total amount stated in the resolution creating such fund. Cities are hereby 6 authorized to invest any portion of the special building fund which is not 7 eurrently needed in investments authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675, and 8 amendments thereto, in the manner prescribed therein or in direct-9 obligations of the United States government maturing or redeemable at par 10 and accrued interest within three years from date of purchase, the principal and interest whereof is guaranteed by the government of the United States. 11 12 All interest received on any such investment shall upon receipt thereof be 13 eredited to the special building fund. 14 No-fund warrants issued under the authority of this act shall be issued 15 in the manner and form and bear interest and be redeemed as prescribed by 16 K.S.A. 79-2940, and amendments thereto, except that they may be issued 17 without the approval of the state board of tax appeals and without the notation required by K.S.A. 79-2940, and amendments thereto. The-18 19 governing body of the city issuing such warrants shall levy a tax for the 20 first tax levying period after such warrants are issued, sufficient to pay 21 such warrants and the interest thereon. All such tax levies shall be in-22 addition to all other levies authorized or limited by law, and none of the 23 tax limitations provided by article 19 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes 24 Annotated, and amendments thereto, shall apply to such levies. 25 Sec. 66. K.S.A. 19-117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-117. 26 (a) Where the board of county commissioners of any county by resolution 27 proposes to levy for revenue purposes any tax, excise, fee, charge or other 28 exaction other than permit fees or license fees for regulatory purposes, a 29 procedure for the levy of which is not otherwise prescribed by enactment 30 of the legislature, such resolution shall require a two-thirds $\binom{2}{3}^{2/2}$ vote of 31 the members of the board and shall be published once each week for two 32 (2) consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper. 33 No such resolution shall take effect until sixty (60) 60 days after its 34 final publication, and if within sixty (60) 60 days of its final publication a 35 petition signed by not less than five percent (5%)_5% of the qualified 36 electors of the county shall be filed with the county election officer-37 demanding that such resolution be submitted to a vote of the electors, it 38 shall not take effect until submitted to a referendum and approved by a 39 majority of the electors voting thereon. The board of county-40 commissioners of any county may submit any resolution providing for 41 such levy to a referendum without petition. Resolutions authorizing such 42 levies submitted to referendum without petition may be passed by a-43 majority vote of the board of county commissioners and shall be published

1 once in the official county newspaper. 2 (b) Any county election called under the provisions of this act shall 3 be called within thirty (30) days and held within ninety (90) days at the 4 next primary or general election after the filing of a petition demanding 5 such election. The board of county commissioners shall pass a resolution 6 calling the election and fixing the date, which resolution shall be published 7 once in the official county newspaper. The sufficiency of the number of 8 signers of any petition filed under this act shall be determined by the 9 eounty election officer. Every election held under this act shall be-10 conducted by the county election officer. The county election officer shall 11 publish a notice of such election once each week for three (3) consecutive 12 weeks in the official county newspaper, the first publication to be not less 13 than twenty-one (21)_21 days prior to such election. Said_The notice shall state the time of the election and the proposition which shall appear on the 14 15 ballot. The proposition shall be: "Shall revenue resolution No. -entitled 16 (title of resolution) take effect?" 17 (c) The board of county commissioners shall be required to submit to 18 a referendum the question of levying any tax or other revenue measure, 19 authorized by the provisions of this act or other enactment referring to this 20 act, upon the receipt of a petition signed by not less than five percent (5%) 21 5% of the qualified electors of such county, or upon receiving resolutions 22 requesting such an election passed by the governing body of each of one or 23 more cities within such county which contains a population of not less-24 than twenty-five percent (25%)-25% of the entire population of the county. 25 If a majority of the electors voting thereon at such election shall approve 26 the proposed tax or other revenue measure, the board of county-27 commissioners of such county shall then provide by resolution for the levy 28 of such tax or other revenue measure. An election held under the-29 provisions of this section shall be scheduled and conducted in the same-30 manner as if a resolution was being submitted to the electors, except that 31 the proposition shall state the nature of the tax or revenue measure, the 32 proposed rate and the date it would take effect. 33 (d) Any county tax or other revenue measure adopted under the 34 provisions of this section shall continue in effect until amended or repealed 35 by a resolution of the board of county commissioners which has also been 36 adopted under the provisions of this section. 37 Sec. 67. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 19-15,116 is hereby amended to read as 38 follows: 19-15,116. The board of county commissioners of any county-39 may for the purposes hereinbefore authorized and provided: 40 (a) Receive and expend gifts; 41 (b) receive and expend grants-in-aid of state or federal funds; 42 (c) issue general obligation bonds of the county. If it is determined

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for the purposes hereinbefore_authorized, such bonds shall not be issued until the question of their issuance has been submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the county and has been approved by a majority of those voting thereon at a *primary or* general election or at a special election called for that purpose. Such election shall be called and held and bonds issued in the manner provided by the general bond law; (d) make an annual tax levy of not to exceed one mill for a period of not to exceed 10 years upon all taxable tangible property in the county for the purpose of creating a building fund to be used for the purposes herein provided and to pay a portion of the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county, except that no such levies shall be made until a

12 located in the county, except that no such levies shall be made until a-13 resolution authorizing the same shall be adopted by the board of county commissioners stating the specific purpose for which such fund is created, 14 15 the total amount proposed to be raised, the number of years such tax levy 16 shall be made and shall be published once each week for three consecutive 17 weeks in the official county newspaper. Whereupon such levies may be 18 made unless a petition requesting an election upon the proposition, signed 19 by electors equal in number to not less than 10% of the electors of the 20 county who voted for the secretary of state at the last preceding general 21 election, is filed with the county clerk within 30 days following the last 22 publication of such resolution. In the event such petition is filed, the board 23 of county commissioners shall submit the question to the voters at an the 24 next primary or general election called for that purpose and held within 90 25 days after the last publication of the resolution or at the next general 26 election if held within that time and. No such levies shall be made unless 27 such the proposition shall receive the approval of a majority of the votes 28 east thereon. Such election shall be called and held in the manner provided 29 in the general bond law. Such building fund may be used for the purposes 30 stated in the resolution establishing the same at any time after the making 31 of the second levy and if there are insufficient moneys in the building fund 32 for such purpose the board of county commissioners may, in the manner 33 provided by the general bond law of the state issue general obligation-34 bonds of the county in an amount which together with the amount raised 35 by the tax levies will not exceed the total amount stated in the resolution 36 ereating such fund. All levies authorized under the provisions of this-37 section shall be in addition to and not limited by any other act authorizing 38 or limiting the tax levies of such counties. Counties are hereby authorized 39 to invest any portion of the special building fund which is not currently 40 needed in investments authorized by K.S.A. 12-1675, and amendments-41 thereto, in the manner prescribed therein or in direct obligations of the 42 United States government maturing or redeemable at par and accrued-

43 interest within three years from date of purchase, the principal and interest

1 whereof is guaranteed by the government of the United States. All interest 2 received on any such investment shall upon receipt thereof be credited to 3 the special building fund, except that the board of county commissioners 4 of any county which has heretofore established a building fund under the 5 provisions of this act may, if it shall find that the amount of the fund as 6 originally established is insufficient for such purposes, by resolution-7 redetermine and increase the amount necessary to be raised for the purpose 8 for which such fund was originally created and may make or continue to 9 make an annual tax levy of not to exceed one mill upon all of the taxable 10 tangible property of the county for the purpose of providing the additional 11 funds contemplated by the supplemental resolution and to pay a portion of 12 the principal and interest on bonds issued under the authority of K.S.A. 12-13 1774, and amendments thereto, by cities located in the county. Suchsupplemental resolution shall be published and shall be subject to petition 14 15 for election and become effective in like manner as that provided for the 16 original resolution; 17 (e) issue no-fund warrants in the manner and form and bearing-18 interest and redeemable as prescribed by K.S.A. 79-2940, and amendments 19 thereto, except that they may be issued without the approval of the state 20 board of tax appeals, and without the notation required by such section. 21 The board of county commissioners shall make a tax levy at the first tax 22 levving period after such warrants are issued, sufficient to pay such-23 warrants and the interest thereon. All such levies shall be in addition to all 24 other levies authorized or limited by law and the tax limitations provided 25 by article 19 of chapter 79 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and 26 amendments thereto, shall not apply to such levies: 27 (f) use moneys from the general operating fund or other appropriated 28 budgeted fund when such is available; 29 (g) use moneys received from the sale of public buildings or-30 buildings and sites without regard to limitations prescribed by the budget 31 law: 32 (h) or may combine any two or more of such methods of financing 33 for the purposes herein authorized, except that counties shall first use-34 funds received from the payment of insurance claims for damages 35 sustained by any such public building before resorting to methods of 36 financing herein authorized; 37 (i) authorize the county engineer to supervise the work necessary for 38 the purposes herein provided, including the right of such county engineer 39 to have such work done by force account as well as by contract. 40 Sec. 68. K.S.A. 68-438 is hereby amended to read as follows: 68-438. 41 The governing body of any city may submit the question of issuing general 42 obligation bonds of the city as authorized by K.S.A. 68-437. and-43 amendments thereto, to the electors at an a primary or general election

1	ealled by the governing body at any time and held thereon. The governing
2	body shall submit such question upon submission of a petition signed by
3	not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the city.
4	See. 69. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433 is hereby amended to read as
5	follows: 72-6433. (a) As used in this section:
6	(1) "State prescribed percentage" means 33% of state financial aid of
7	the district in the current school year.
8	(2) "Authorized to adopt a local option budget" means that a district
9	has adopted a resolution pursuant to subsection (c), (d) or (e).
10	(3) "State financial aid" shall have the meaning provided in K.S.A.
11	72-6410, and amendments thereto, except that the term shall not include
12	virtual school state aid, as described in K.S.A. 72-3715, and amendments
13	thereto.
14	(b) In each school year, the board of any district may adopt a local
15	option budget which does not exceed the state prescribed percentage.
16	(c) Subject to the limitation of subsection (b), in each school year, the
17	board of any district may adopt, by resolution, a local option budget in an
18	amount not to exceed:
19	(1) (A) The amount which the board was authorized to adopt in
20	accordance with the provisions of this section in effect prior to its-
21	amendment by this act; plus
22	(B) the amount which the board was authorized to adopt pursuant to
23	any resolution currently in effect; plus
24	(C) the amount which the board was authorized to adopt pursuant to
25	K.S.A. 72-6444, and amendments thereto, if applicable to the district; or
26	(2) the state-wide average for the preceding school year as
27	determined by the state board pursuant to subsection (k).
28	Except as provided by subsection (e), the adoption of a resolution
29	pursuant to this subsection shall require a majority vote of the members of
30	the board. Such resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall
31	require no other procedure, authorization or approval.
32	(d) Except as provided by subsection (e), if the board of a district
33	desires to increase its local option budget authority above the amount-
34	authorized under subsection (c) or if the board was not authorized to adopt
35	a local option budget in 2006-2007, the board may adopt, by resolution,
36	such budget in an amount not to exceed the state preseribed percentage.
37	The adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subsection shall require a
38	majority vote of the members of the board. The resolution shall be-
39	published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in the
40	district. The resolution shall be published in substantial compliance with
41	the following form:
42	Unified School District No.
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1	RESOLUTION
2	Be It Resolved that:
3	The board of education of the above-named school district shall be-
4	authorized to adopt a local option budget in each school year in an amount
5	not to exceed% of the amount of state financial aid. The local option
6	budget authorized by this resolution may be adopted, unless a petition in
7	opposition to the same, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors
8	of the school district, is filed with the county election officer of the home
9	county of the school district within 30 days after publication of this
10	resolution. If a petition is filed, the county election officer shall submit the
11	question of whether adoption of the local option budget shall be authorized
12	to the electors of the school district at an election called for the purpose or
13	at the next general election, as is specified by the board of education of the
14	school district.
15	<u>CERTIFICATE</u>
16	This is to certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the
17	board of education of unified School District No,County,
18	Kansas, on the day of,
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20	Clerk of the board of education.
21	All of the blanks in the resolution shall be filled as is appropriate. If a
22	sufficient petition is not filed, the board may adopt a local option budget.
23	If a sufficient petition is filed, the board may notify the county election
24	officer of the date of an election to be held to submit the question of-
25	whether adoption of a local option budget shall be authorized. Any such
26	election shall be noticed, called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A.
27	10-120, and amendments thereto. If the board fails to notify the county-
28	election officer within 30 days after a sufficient petition is filed, the
29	resolution shall be deemed abandoned and no like resolution shall be
30	adopted by the board within the nine months following publication of the
31	resolution.
32	(e) (1) Except as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3), any resolution
33	authorizing the adoption of a local option budget in excess of 30% of the
34	state financial aid of the district in the current school year shall not become
35	effective unless such resolution has been submitted to and approved by a
36	majority of the qualified electors of the school district voting at an a-
37	primary or general election called and held thereon. The election shall be
38	called and held in the manner provided by K.S.A. 10-120, and
39	amendments thereto, except that such election shall be a mail ballot-
40	election conducted in accordance with K.S.A. 25-431 et seq., and
41	amendments thereto. Any such election shall be held on or before August 1
42	of the initial school year for which such resolution was adopted.
43	(2) For school year 2014-2015, any board of education of a school

1 district which has adopted a local option budget in excess of 30% of state 2 financial aid in the current school year on or before June 30, 2014, may 3 adopt a second resolution in an amount not to exceed 2% of state financial 4 aid, provided that the aggregate local option budget authority for the-5 district does not exceed 33% of state financial aid in the current school-6 year. The adoption of a second resolution pursuant to this paragraph shall 7 require a majority vote of the members of the board and shall specifically 8 state in such resolution that it shall expire on June 30, 2015. Such-9 resolution shall be effective upon adoption and shall require no other-10 procedure, authorization or approval. 11 (3) The board of unified school district no. 207, as described in-12 K.S.A. 72-5333b, and amendments thereto, may adopt a local option-13 budget in excess of 30% of state financial aid of the district in the current school year in accordance with subsection (d). 14 15 (f) Unless specifically stated otherwise in the resolution, the authority 16 to adopt a local option budget shall be continuous and permanent. The 17 board of any district which is authorized to adopt a local option budget 18 may choose not to adopt such a budget or may adopt a budget in an 19 amount less than the amount authorized. If the board of any district whose 20 authority to adopt a local option budget is not continuous and permanent 21 refrains from adopting a local option budget, the authority of such district 22 to adopt a local option budget shall not be extended by such refrainment 23 beyond the period specified in the resolution authorizing adoption of such 24 budget. 25 (g) The board of any district may initiate procedures to renew or-26 increase the authority to adopt a local option budget at any time during a 27 school year after the tax levied pursuant to K.S.A. 72-6435, and 28 amendments thereto, is certified to the county clerk under any existing 29 authorization. 30 (h) The board of any district that is authorized to adopt a local option 31 budget prior to the effective date of this act under a resolution which-32 authorized the adoption of such budget in accordance with the provisions 33 of this section in effect prior to its amendment by this act may continue to 34 operate under such resolution for the period of time specified in the 35 resolution or may abandon the resolution and operate under the provisions 36 of this section as amended by this act. Any such district shall operate under 37 the provisions of this section as amended by this act after the period of 38 time specified in the resolution has expired. 39 (i) Any resolution adopted pursuant to this section may revoke or 40 repeal any resolution previously adopted by the board. If the resolution 41 does not revoke or repeal previously adopted resolutions, all resolutions which are in effect shall expire on the same date. The maximum amount of 42 43 the local option budget of a school district under all resolutions in effect

1 shall not exceed the state prescribed percentage in any school year. 2 (i) (1) There is hereby established in every district that adopts a local option budget a fund which shall be called the supplemental general fund. 3 4 The fund shall consist of all amounts deposited therein or credited thereto 5 according to law. 6 (2) Subject to the limitation imposed under paragraph (3) and-7 subsection (e) of K.S.A. 72-6434(e), and amendments thereto, amounts in 8 the supplemental general fund may be expended for any purpose for which 9 expenditures from the general fund are authorized or may be transferred to 10 any program weighted fund or categorical fund of the district. Amounts in the supplemental general fund attributable to any percentage over 25% of 11 state financial aid determined for the current school year may be-12 13 transferred to the capital improvements fund of the district and the capital outlay fund of the district if such transfers are specified in the resolution 14 15 authorizing the adoption of a local option budget in excess of 25%. 16 (3) Amounts in the supplemental general fund may not be expended 17 for the purpose of making payments under any lease-purchase agreement 18 involving the acquisition of land or buildings which is entered into-19 pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 72-8225, and amendments thereto. 20 (4) (A) Except as provided in paragraph (B), any unexpended budget 21 remaining in the supplemental general fund of a district at the conclusion 22 of any school year in which a local option budget is adopted shall be-23 maintained in such fund. (B) If the district received supplemental general state aid in the 24 25 school year, the state board shall determine the ratio of the amount of-26 supplemental general state aid received to the amount of the local option 27 budget of the district for the school year and multiply the total amount of 28 the unexpended budget remaining by such ratio. An amount equal to the 29 amount of the product shall be transferred to the general fund of the-30 district or remitted to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of any such-31 remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the same in the state treasury to 32 the credit of the state school district finance fund. 33 (k) Each year the state board of education shall determine the-34 statewide average percentage of local option budgets legally adopted by-35 school districts for the preceding school year. 36 (1) The provisions of this section shall be subject to the provisions of 37 K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 72-6433d, and amendments thereto. 38 New Sec.<u>-70.</u> 66. (a) The purpose of this section is to provide an 39 orderly and prompt means of filling vacancies in the governing body of a 40 municipality. Prolonged vacancies in the governing body of a municipality deprive citizens of their right to representation and act as 41 impediments to the orderly function of government of municipalities. 42 43 (b) As used in this section, the following terms are defined as

1 follows:

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2 (1) "Governing body" shall include the mayor and members of the
3 council, the mayor and commissioners or the chairperson and members
4 of the board of supervisors, depending on the form of government of the
5 city or the consolidated city and county.

6 (2) "Municipality" means any city or any consolidated city and 7 county.

8 (c) Except as provided in subsection (d), the governing body of any municipality where a vacancy exists shall appoint, by a majority vote of 9 the remaining members, a person to fill the vacancy within 60 days of 10 the vacancy. If the appointment is not made within the 60-day time 11 frame, the governing body shall pass a resolution calling for a special 12 election to fill such vacancy to be held within 45 days of the passage of 13 such resolution. Candidates for the vacant office shall file for such 14 office as provided in K.S.A. 25-2110a, and amendments thereto. The 15 16 special election shall be conducted by the county election officer. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for the vacant position 17 shall assume such office upon certification of the election results. 18

(d) The provisions of subsection (c) shall not apply to any
 municipality which has a procedure for filling vacancies in its governing
 body and which has filled such vacancies within 60 days of the vacancy.

22 Sec.<u>71.</u> 67. K.S.A. 12-344 is hereby amended to read as follows: 12-23 344. (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide for the 24 exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not 25 inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

26 (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the 27 consolidation of certain city and county offices, functions, services and 28 operations, the plan shall:

29 (1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers 30 and officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan-;

(2) provide for the method of amendment of the plan;

32 (3) authorize the appointment of, or elimination of elective officials 33 and offices.;

34 (4) specify the effective date of the consolidation:; and

35 (5) include other provisions determined necessary by the 36 commission.

(c) If the plan provides for the consolidation of the city and county,
in addition to the requirements of subsection (b), the plan shall:

(1) Fix the boundaries of the governing body's election districts,
provide a method for changing the boundaries from time-to-time, any atlarge positions on the governing body, fix the number, term and initial
compensation of the governing body of the consolidated city-county and
the method of election-;

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1 (2) determine whether elections of the governing body of the 2 consolidated city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and 3 the time at which such elections shall be held_{-;}

4 (3) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative 5 duties of the consolidated city-county officials, provide for consolidation 6 or expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a 7 consolidated city-county administrator or a city-county manager, if 8 deemed advisable, and prescribe the general structure of the 9 consolidated city-county government-;

10 (4) provide for the official name of the consolidated city-county:; 11 and

12 (5) provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and 13 other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.

14 (d) Vacancies in the governing body shall be filled as provided in 15 section \pm 66, and amendments thereto.

Sec.<u>72.</u> 68. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-363 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 12-363. (a) Any plan submitted by the commission shall provide
for the exercise of powers of local legislation and administration not
inconsistent with the constitution or other laws of this state.

20 (b) If the commission submits a plan providing for the unification 21 of certain city and county offices, functions, services and operations, the 22 plan shall:

(1) Include a description of the form, structure, functions, powers
 and officers and the duties of such officers recommended in the plan;

(2) provide for the method of amendment of the plan;

(3) specify the effective date of the unification:, and

27 (4) include other provisions determined necessary by the 28 commission.

(c) If the plan provides for the unification of the city and county, in
 addition to the requirements of subsection (b) the plan shall:

(1) Provide that the members of the governing body be elected from
 districts or on an at-large basis and fix the number, term and initial
 compensation of the governing body of the unified city-county and the
 method of election-;

35 (2) determine whether elections of the governing body of the 36 unified city-county shall be partisan or nonpartisan elections and the 37 time at which such elections shall be held-;

38 (3) determine the distribution of legislative and administrative 39 duties of the unified city-county officials, provide for unification or 40 expansion of services as necessary, authorize the appointment of a city-41 county administrator or manager, if deemed advisable, and prescribe the 42 general structure of the unified city-county government.;

43 (4) provide for the official name of the unified city-county.;

1 (5) provide for the transfer or other disposition of property and 2 other rights, claims and assets of the county and city.; and

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(6) fix the rate of the retailers' sales tax, if any.

4 (d) Vacancies in the governing body shall be filled as provided in 5 section<u>+</u> **66**, and amendments thereto.}

Sec. 61. {73.} 69. K.S.A. 2-623, {10-120, 12-138, 12-344, 12-6a15,} 6 7 12-1001, 12-1002, 12-1003, 12-1004, 12-1005, 12-1005a, 12-1005b, 12-1005c, 12-1005d, 12-1005e, 12-1005f, 12-1005g, 12-1005h, 12-1005j, 12-8 9 1005k, 12-1005l, 12-1006, 12-1007, 12-1008, 12-1009, 12-1010, 12-1011, 12-1012, 12-1013, 12-1014, 12-1015, 12-1017, 12-1018, 12-1019, 12-10 1020, 12-1021, 12-1022, 12-1023, 12-1024, 12-1025, 12-1027, 12-1028, 11 12-1028a, 12-1029, 12-1030, 12-1031, 12-1032, 12-1033, 12-1034, 12-12 13 1035, 12-1036, 12-1036a, 12-1036b, 12-1036c, 12-1036d, 12-1036e, 12-14 19-2760, 19-2762, 19-3505, 19-3507, 24-504, 25-204, 25-209, 25-15 16 210, 25-212, 25-610, 25-1115, 25-2006, 25-2007, 25-2010, 25-2014, 25-17 2017, 25-2017a, 25-2018, 25-2022, 25-2023, 25-2107, 25-2109, 25-2113, 18 19 438.7 71-1408, 71-1412, 71-1413, 71-1414, 71-1417, 71-1419, 72-8008 20 and 80-2508 and K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 2-624, *{12-363, 12-1737, 19-15,116,*} 24-412, 24-414, 24-459, 24-506, 25-205, 25-213, 25-611, 25-618, 25-21 22 1122, 25-2020, 25-2102, 25-2108a, 25-2110, 25-2311, 25-3801and f. and 23 42-706-{and 72-6433} are hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 62. 74. 70. This act shall take effect and be in force from and 25 after its publication in the statute book.