

**{As Amended by House Committee of the Whole}**

*Session of 2023*

**HOUSE BILL No. 2053**

By Committee on Elections

1-18

1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots;  
2 authorizing the secretary of state to adopt rules and regulations for the  
3 use of remote ballot boxes.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) On or before January 1, 2024, the secretary of state{,  
7 **after consultation with county election officers,**} shall adopt rules and  
8 regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes by county election officers  
9 for the return of advance voting ballots. Such regulations shall include the  
10 dates, times and locations for the use of remote ballot boxes and any other  
11 requirements that the secretary deems necessary to preserve the integrity  
12 of the ballots{, **the remote ballot boxes**} and the election process.

13 (b) As used in this section, "remote ballot boxes" means any form of  
14 locked ballot boxes designated by the county election officer as available  
15 for use for depositing advance voting ballots. "Remote ballot boxes" does  
16 not include any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite  
17 advance voting site.

18 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
19 publication in the statute book.