SENATE BILL No. 97

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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AN ACT concerning Logan county; relating to the election of the board of county commissioners.

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

Section 1. (a) The board of county commissioners of Logan county may provide for the election of county commissioners in accordance with this section by adopting a resolution calling for an election or the change in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 19-204, and amendments thereto. The resolution shall be in substantial compliance with the provisions of subsection (b). Any county commissioner whose term has not expired by the time the resolution has been adopted by the voters of Logan county, Kansas, shall continue to serve until a successor county commissioner is elected.

- (b) (1) Each county commissioner shall run at large. Each candidate for county commissioner, however, shall reside within the district established under the provisions of K.S.A. 19-202, and amendments thereto.
- (2) All electors who are otherwise qualified according to law and who reside in Logan county, Kansas, may vote in both the primary and general election for each county commissioner being elected. Each candidate shall file for the office of county commissioner in the manner provided by law. Elections for the office of county commissioner shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of article 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, except as provided in this section.
- (3) (A) Primary elections under this section shall be conducted on a partisan basis. In the primary election, each qualified voter shall be allowed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of county commissioners being elected. For each county commissioner being elected, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall appear on the ballot in the general election.
- (B) No person shall be permitted to cast more than one vote for any specific candidate.
- (4) In the general election, each qualified voter shall be allowed to vote for the same number of candidates as the number of county commissioners being elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office of county commissioner being elected shall be

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deemed to have been elected to such office.

- (c) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the resolution submitted to the voters pursuant to this section vote in favor thereof, the resolution shall be implemented in the manner provided by the resolution. If a majority of the electors vote against such resolution, the proposed resolution shall not be implemented.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.