

COMPARING KANSAS

✓ KANSAS ELECTION PROCEDURES

Ballot Watermark

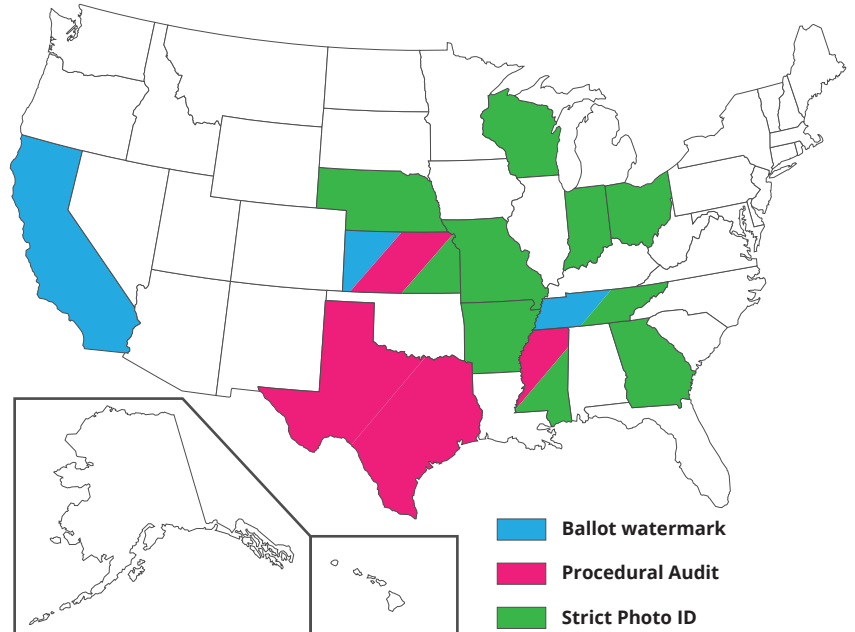
All ballots in Kansas are required by law to have a unique mark or stamp located on the ballot. This designed symbol on the ballot verifies the ballot is official, provides an extra layer of security, and must be present for ballots to be counted in the tabulating machine. Starting in 2024, ballots will be required by law to have a watermark in addition to the symbol.

Procedural Audit

Kansas is one of three states that conduct a procedural audit every odd year. A procedural audit focuses on training personnel and promoting best practices for managing and running the election process.

Government Issued Strict Photo ID

Voter photo ID is required by Kansas statute, K.S.A. 25-2908. Kansas has had voter ID for over a decade. Voter ID helps prevent voter fraud by ensuring that every eligible voter has appeared in person to a government official and has had their identity verified prior to casting a ballot. It is the most fundamental tool to ensuring one vote equals one person.



✗ OTHER STATE ELECTION PROCEDURES

All Mail Elections

In all mail elections, all registered voters are sent a ballot in the mail without undergoing an application process. In Kansas, a voter must complete an application for every election to receive a ballot by mail. The application requires voter ID and signature verification for vetting purposes.

Same-Day Voter Registration

Voter registration deadlines vary by state. In Kansas, the deadline to register to vote is 21 days before a primary or general election. (K.S.A. 25-2311)

Unlike same day voter registration, having voter registration deadlines provides an additional layer of security to allow election officials to verify voter information.

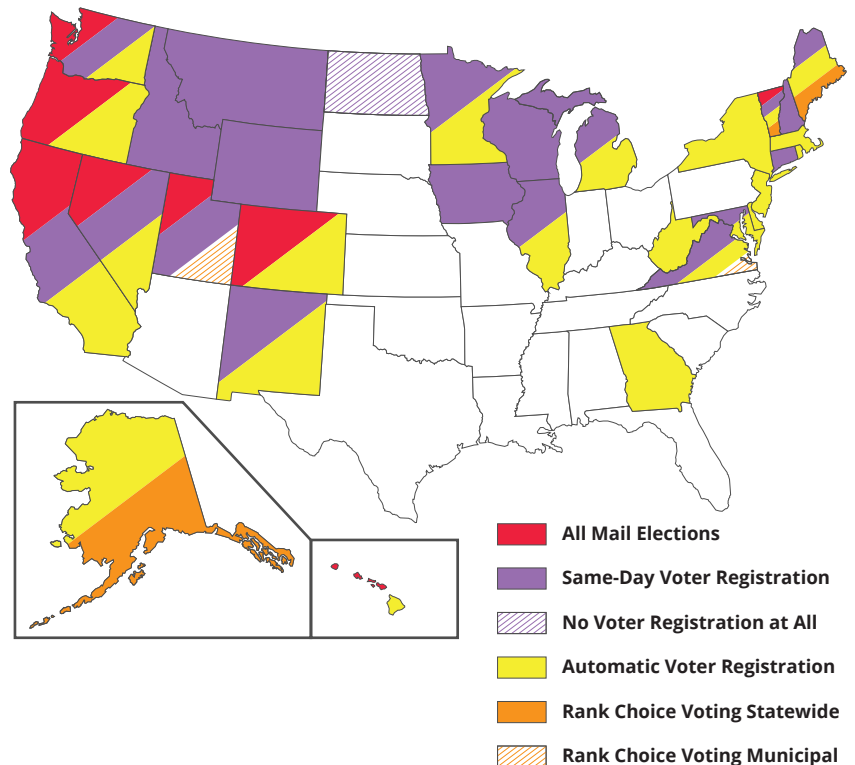
Automatic Voter Registration

Some states automatically sign up residents. In Kansas, you must opt in to register to vote.

Rank Choice Voting

Kansas counties do not have the authority to implement ranked choice voting. In fact, ranked choice voting has never been used. (K.S.A. 25-702)

Rank Choice Voting complicates the voting process, delaying election results, increasing irregularities, and undermines the "one person, one vote" system.



* Current as of September 2023