

2023 Kansas Statutes

25-1120. Advance voting; ballots and ballot envelopes; form and contents; numbering; declaration, form. When the names to appear on ballots are definitely known and not later than 20 days prior to any primary, general or question submitted election each county election officer shall cause to be prepared such number of advance voting ballots and ballot envelopes as in the election officer's judgment are necessary to carry out the requirements of this act. Except as otherwise provided in this section, such ballots shall contain the names and cities of residence of all persons who are candidates for all national, state, county, city, township and school offices, which names may be written, typewritten or printed. On the same line with each candidate's name shall be a square in the ordinary form, or parentheses in which the voter can place a cross or check mark. In the case of elections required by law to be conducted on a partisan basis, such ballot shall indicate the political party of each candidate. In all counties in which the same, or reproductions of the same, ballots which are presented to electors at the polls for voting on election day can be used for advance voting, the names of candidates for the offices of precinct committeeman and committeewoman shall be printed on the ballots. In counties in which ballots or reproductions of ballots presented to electors at the polls for voting on election day cannot be used for advance voting, the ballots may contain blank lines for writing in names of candidates for precinct committeemen and committeewomen together with the number of the precinct or name of the township of such candidate. On the same line with each blank line shall be a square in the ordinary form or parenthesis in which the voter can place the appropriate mark.

The county election officer of any county may number such advance voting ballots. If the county election officer of any county elects to prepare advance voting ballots and ballot envelopes without identifying consecutive numbers, such officer shall prepare and distribute such ballots and envelopes in accordance with a plan approved by the secretary of state. If the county election officer elects to number such ballots, all advance voting ballots shall be consecutively numbered, and the ballot envelope for each ballot, if such envelope is required as provided in K.S.A. 25-1123, and amendments thereto, shall bear the same number as the ballot. The ballot envelope shall also bear a declaration in substance as follows:

THIS DECLARATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED

"I _____ do hereby declare that I marked the enclosed ballot and that such ballot was enclosed and sealed in this envelope by me. My legal residence is in the _____ precinct, _____ township, (or, in the _____ precinct of the _____ ward, _____ street in the city of _____), in the county of _____, state of Kansas.
(Signed) _____."

The ballot envelope shall also contain a statement advising the voter that the signed envelope will be separated from the ballot to guarantee the confidentiality of the vote cast.

The ballot envelope to be used for voting by a former precinct resident shall also state the place of former residence of the voter and the date of removal therefrom to the voter's present residence.

History: L. 1967, ch. 208, § 7; L. 1972, ch. 134, § 2; L. 1973, ch. 154, § 1; L. 1978, ch. 137, § 8; L. 1978, ch. 140, § 2; L. 1983, ch. 124, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 123, § 1; L. 1992, ch. 45, § 1; L. 1993, ch. 287, § 5; L. 1995, ch. 192, § 18; July 1.