

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Ethics and Elections** recommends **HB 2067**, as amended by House Committee of the Whole, be amended on page 2, in line 37, following "require" by inserting "or accept"; in line 39, by striking "registration" and inserting "identification"; also in line 39, by striking "25-2309" and inserting "25-2908"; in line 40, by striking all following "shall"; by striking all in lines 41 through 44;

On page 3, by striking all in lines 1 through 9 and inserting ": (A) Swear under oath that such person desires an identification card in order to vote in an election in Kansas and that such person does not possess any of the forms of identification acceptable under K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the acceptable forms of identification under K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto.

(B) Such person shall also produce evidence that such person is registered to vote in Kansas.";

On page 13, in line 33, by striking all before the period and inserting "class C misdemeanor";

On page 19, and following line 39, by inserting: "(q) If evidence of citizenship is deemed to be unsatisfactory due to an inconsistency between the document submitted as evidence and the name or sex provided on the application for registration, such applicant may sign an affidavit:

(1) Stating the inconsistency or inconsistencies related to the name or sex, and the reason therefor; and

(2) swearing under oath that, despite the inconsistency, the applicant is the individual reflected in the document provided as evidence of citizenship. However, there shall be no inconsistency between the date of birth on the document provided as evidence of citizenship and the date of birth provided on

the application for registration. If such an affidavit is submitted by the applicant, the county election officer or secretary of state shall assess the eligibility of the applicant without regard to any inconsistency stated in the affidavit.";

And by redesignating subsections accordingly;

On page 20, following line 10, by inserting: "(u) The proof of citizenship requirements of this section shall not become effective until January 1, 2013.";

On page 22, by striking all in lines 3 through 44;

On page 23, by striking all in lines 1 through 4;

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 28, in line 3, following "charge" by inserting "or accept"; in line 7, by striking all following "shall" ; by striking all in lines 8 through 19 and inserting: "swear under oath: (1) That such person plans to register to vote in Kansas; and (2) that such person does not possess any of the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto.";

On page 29, by striking all in lines 12 through 30 and inserting:

"New Sec. 14. The secretary of state shall provide advance notice of the personal identification requirements of this act in a manner calculated to inform the public generally of the requirements for forms of personal identification as provided in this act. Such advance notice shall include, at a minimum, the use of advertisements and public service announcements in print, broadcast television, radio and cable television media, as well as the posting of information on the opening pages of the official internet websites of the secretary of state and governor.

New Sec. 15. The boards of county commissioners shall designate a county office or department to provide assistance at no charge to any person applying for a birth certificate from the state registrar

of vital statistics for the purpose of registering to vote. Such county departments shall transmit the necessary forms to the state registrar's office at no cost to the person applying for the birth certificate.

Sec. 16. K.S.A. 25-208a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-208a. (a) Within 10 days, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays not included, from the date of the filing of nomination petitions or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for United States senator or representative or for state office, the secretary of state shall determine the validity of such petitions or declaration.

The secretary of state shall send a copy of all petitions to the county election officer of the county of the district in which the nomination petition was passed. The county election officer shall check the petitions only for valid signatures and certify the results of such check to the secretary of state within 10 days; ~~Saturdays, Sundays and holidays not included~~, of the date the petitions were filed with the secretary. The secretary of state upon receipt of the validated petition from the county election officer shall notify the candidate of the validity of the petition.

(b) Within three days from the date of the filing of nomination petitions or a declaration of intention to become a candidate for county or township office or for precinct committeeman or committeewoman, the county election officer shall determine the validity of such petitions or declaration.

(c) If any nomination petitions or declarations are found to be invalid, the secretary of state or the county election officer, as the case may be, shall notify the candidate on whose behalf the petitions or declaration was filed that such nomination petitions or declaration have been found to be invalid and the reason for the finding. Such candidate may make objection to the finding of invalidity by the secretary of state or the county election officer in accordance with K.S.A. 25-308, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 17. K.S.A. 25-3203 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3203. If the secretary of state fails to receive the final abstract of the intermediate canvass of any national or state election from any

county by the second Tuesday next after any election, the secretary shall dispatch a special messenger to obtain a copy of the same, and the county election officer shall immediately, on demand of such messenger, make out and deliver to such messenger the copy required. Thereupon, the messenger shall deliver such copy to the secretary of state without delay. The expenses of such messenger shall be paid by the secretary of state, and the secretary of state shall be reimbursed therefor by such county.

Any county conducting a recount pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3107, and amendments thereto, shall notify the secretary of state of the recount and shall set a date, subject to approval by the secretary of state, when the county election officer shall submit the intermediate abstract of the county to the secretary of state.

Sec. 18. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-3104 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3104. The original canvass of every election shall be performed by the election boards at the voting places. The county election officer shall present the original returns, together with the ballots, books and any other records of the election, for the purpose of canvass, to the county board of canvassers at any time between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 10 a.m. on the Friday Monday next following any election held on a Tuesday, except that the county election officer may move the canvass to the Monday next second Thursday following the election if notice is published prior to the canvass in a newspaper with general circulation in the county. For elections not held on a Tuesday, the canvass by the county board of canvassers shall be held on a day and hour designated by it, and not later than the fifth day following the day of such election.

Sec. 19. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-3107 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3107. (a) At the time of commencement of any canvass by the county board of canvassers the county election officer shall present to the county board of canvassers the preliminary abstracts of election returns, together with the ballots and records returned by the election boards. The county board of canvassers shall inspect and check the records presented by the county election officer and shall hear any questions which the county election officer believes appropriate for determination of the board. The county board of

canvassers shall do what is necessary to obtain an accurate and just canvass of the election and shall finalize the preliminary abstract of election returns by making any needed changes, and certifying its authenticity and accuracy. The certification of the county board of canvassers shall be attested by the county election officer. Neither the county board of canvassers nor the county election officer shall open or unseal sacks or envelopes of ballots, except as is required by K.S.A. 25-409, 25-1136 and 25-1337, and amendments thereto, or other specific provision of law or as is authorized to carry out a recount under subsection (b).

(b) If a majority of the members of the county board of canvassers shall determine that there are manifest errors appearing on the face of the poll books of any election board, which might make a difference in the result of any election, or if any candidate shall request the recount of the ballots cast in all or in only specified voting areas for the office for which such person is a candidate, or if any registered elector who cast a ballot in a question submitted election requests a recount in all or only specified voting areas to determine the result of the election, the county board of canvassers shall cause a special election board appointed by the county election officer to meet under the supervision of the county election officer and recount the ballots with respect to any office or question submitted specified by the county board of canvassers or requested by such candidate or elector. If a recount is required in a county that uses optical scanning systems as defined in K.S.A. 25-4601 et seq., and amendments thereto, or electronic or electromechanical voting systems, as defined in K.S.A. 25-4401, and amendments thereto, the method of conducting the recount shall be at the discretion of the person requesting such recount. The county election officer shall not be a member of such special election board. Before the special election board meets to recount the ballots upon a properly filed request, the party who makes the request shall file with the county election officer a bond, with security to be approved by the county or district attorney, conditioned to pay all costs incurred by the county in making such recount. In the event that the candidate requesting the recount is declared the winner of

the election as a result of the recount, or if as a result of the recount a question submitted is overturned, no action shall be taken on the person's bond and the county shall bear the costs incurred for the recount. Any recount must be requested in writing and filed with the county election officer not later than ~~12:00 noon on the Monday following the election or, if the canvass is held on Monday, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday next following the election~~ ~~5 p.m. on the day following the meeting of the county board of canvassers~~. The request shall specify which voting areas are to be recounted. The county election officer shall immediately notify any candidate involved in the election for which such recount is requested, or shall notify the county chairperson of each candidate's party. Any such recount shall be initiated not later than the following day and shall be completed not later than ~~5:00~~ ~~5~~ p.m. on ~~Friday of such week or, if the recount request is made on the Tuesday after the election because of a Monday canvass, not later than 5:00 p.m. the next following Monday~~ ~~the fifth day following the filing of the request for a recount, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays~~. Upon completion of any recount under this subsection, the election board shall package and reseal the ballots as provided by law and the county board of canvassers shall complete its canvass. The members of the special election board shall be paid as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-2811, and amendments thereto, for time actually spent making the recount.

(c) (1) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to candidates at any election for:

- (A) Any state or national office elected on a statewide basis;
 - (B) the office of president or vice president of the United States;
 - (C) the office of members of United States house of representatives;
 - (D) office of members of state senate or house of representative whose district is located in two or more counties; and
 - (E) office of members of state board of education.
- (2) Any candidate may request a recount in one or more counties. Any such recount must be

requested in writing and filed with the secretary of state not later than ~~12:00 noon on the Monday following the election or, if the canvass in one or more counties in the district is held on Monday, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday next following the election~~ 5 p.m. on the second Friday following the election. The request shall specify which counties are to be recounted. If a recount is required in a county that uses optical scanning systems as defined in K.S.A. 25-4601, and amendments thereto, or electronic or electromechanical voting systems, as defined in K.S.A. 25-4401, and amendments thereto, the method of conducting the recount shall be at the discretion of the person requesting such recount. Except as provided by this subsection and subsection (d), the person requesting the recount shall file with the secretary of state a bond, with security to be approved by the secretary of state, conditioned to pay all costs incurred by the counties and the secretary of state in making such recount. The amount of the bond shall be determined by the secretary of state. A candidate described in paragraphs (D) and (E) of subsection (c)(1) may post a bond as provided by subsection (b) in lieu of the bond required by this subsection. In the event that the candidate requesting the recount is declared the winner of the election as a result of the recount, no action shall be taken on the candidate's bond and the counties shall bear the costs incurred for the recount.

(3) The secretary of state immediately shall notify each county election officer affected by the recount and any candidate involved in the election for which such recount is requested. If the candidate cannot be reached, then the secretary of state shall notify the state chairperson of such candidate's party. Any such recount shall be conducted under the supervision of the county election officers at the direction of the secretary of state, and shall be initiated not later than the following day and shall be completed not later than ~~5:00~~ 5 p.m. on ~~Friday of such week or, if the request is made on the Tuesday after the election because of a Monday canvass, not later than 5:00 p.m. on the next following Monday~~ the fifth day following the filing of the request for a recount, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Each county election officer involved in the recount shall appoint a special election board to

recount the ballots. The members of the special election board shall be paid as prescribed in K.S.A. 25-2811_a and amendments thereto_a for time actually spent making the recount. Upon completion of any recount under this subsection, the special election board in each county shall package and reseal the ballots as provided by law and the county board of canvassers shall complete its canvass. The county election officer in each county immediately shall certify the results of the recount to the secretary of state.

(d) (1) The provisions of this subsection shall apply to candidates at general elections for:

- (A) Any state or national office elected on a statewide basis;
- (B) the office of president or vice president of the United States;
- (C) the office of members of United States house of representatives;
- (D) office of members of state senate or house of representative; and
- (E) office of members of state board of education.

(2) Whenever the election returns reflect that a candidate for office was defeated by ~~one-half $\frac{1}{2}$ of one percent~~ 1% or less of the total number of votes cast and if such candidate requests a recount in one or more counties of the ballots, the state shall bear the cost of any recount performed using the method by which such ballots were counted originally.

(3) Not later than 60 days following a recount conducted pursuant to this subsection, the board of county commissioners of each county in which the recount occurred shall certify to the secretary of state the amount of all necessary direct expenses incurred by the county. Payment for such expenses shall be made to the county treasurer of the county upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports pursuant to vouchers approved by the secretary of state. Upon receipt of such payment and reimbursements, the county treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the county election fund, if there is one and if there is not then to the county general fund.

(4) The secretary of state, with the advice of the director of accounts and reports, shall determine

the correctness of each amount certified under this section and adjust any discrepancies discovered before approving vouchers for payment to any county.";

And renumbering sections accordingly;

Also on page 29, in line 35, following "K.S.A." by inserting "25-208a,"; also in line 35, by striking ", 25-2411, 25-2416, 25-"; in line 36, by striking all before the second "and" and inserting "and 25-3203"; in line 37, following "25-3002" by inserting ", 25-3104, 25-3107";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "relating to voter identification"; in line 2, by striking all following "K.S.A." and inserting "25-208a, 25-2203, 25-2352 and 25-3203 and"; in line 4, following "25-3002" by inserting ", 25-3104, 25-3107";

and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson