

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2011

HOUSE BILL No. 2080

By Committee on Elections

1-24

1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to extension districts; amending
2 K.S.A. 2-624 and repealing the existing section.
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4 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

5 Section 1. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-
6 624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be
7 composed of four representatives from each county included in the
8 extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first
9 appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four
10 members representing each county in an extension district shall be
11 elected in a county wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

12 (b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed
13 to membership on the governing body of the district, each member of
14 the governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until
15 such member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of
16 office shall commence on the date of receipt of certification of election
17 by the member elected and shall continue until the member's successor
18 is elected and qualified.

19 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election to elect
20 successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring
21 shall be held on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year.

22 (2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an
23 extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results
24 ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections
25 except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than ~~12:00~~ noon of
26 ~~the Wednesday next following~~ the Tuesday, ~~five~~10 weeks preceding the
27 first Tuesday in April in odd-numbered years, each person desiring to
28 be a candidate for membership on the governing body, in any election,
29 shall file a declaration of candidacy with the county election officer of
30 the county represented by the member of the governing body whose
31 successor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. The county
32 election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names
33 thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order.

1 (3) The county election officer of each county within the extension
2 district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other
3 elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county
4 election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons
5 within the district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists
6 thereof to the judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of
7 holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be
8 given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a
9 conspicuous place in the office of the governing body at least five days
10 before the holding thereof.

11 (4) All election expenses shall be paid by the extension district.
12 Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided
13 under the general election laws.

14 ~~(e)~~(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of
15 an extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing
16 body for the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall
17 be a resident of the county which was represented by the member
18 creating the vacancy.

19 ~~(f)~~(e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize
20 annually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson,
21 vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

22 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2-624 is hereby repealed.

23 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
24 publication in the statute book.