AN ACT concerning elections; relating to candidate filing deadlines; amending K.S.A. 25-4004 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-205. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the names of candidates for national, state, county and township offices shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each shall have qualified to become a candidate by one of the following methods and none other: (1) They shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, June 10, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act, except that in 1998, candidates for judge or district magistrate judge of the district court for positions created in 1998 in those judicial districts that have not approved the proposition of nonpartisan selection of judges of the district court shall have filed in their behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, July 1, 1998, nomination petitions, as provided for in this act; or (2) they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination petitions, as above provided, with the proper officer a declaration of intention to become a candidate, accompanied by the fee required by law. Such declaration shall be prescribed by the secretary of state.

(b) Nomination petitions shall be in substantially the following form:

I, the undersigned, an elector of the county of ______________ and state of Kansas, and a duly registered voter, and a member of ______________ party, hereby nominate ______________, who resides in the township of ______________ (or at number _____ on ______________ street, city of ______________), in the county of ______________ and state of Kansas, as a candidate for the office of ______________, to be voted for at the primary election to be held on the first Tuesday in August in ______________, as representing the principles of such party; and I further declare that I intend to support the candidate herein named and that I have not signed
and will not sign any nomination petition for any other person, for such
office at such primary election.

(HEADING)

Name of 
Street Number 
Date of 
Signers. 
or Rural Route 
City. 

Signing. 

(as registered).

All nomination petitions shall have substantially the foregoing form,
written or printed at the top thereof. No signature shall be counted unless
it is upon a sheet having such written or printed form at the top thereof.

(c) Each signer of a nomination petition shall sign but one such
petition for the same office, and shall declare that such person intends to
support the candidate therein named, and shall add to such person's
signature and residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or,
otherwise by post-office address. No signature shall be counted unless the
place of residence of the signer is clearly indicated and the date of signing
given as herein required and if ditto marks are used to indicate address
they shall be continuous and clearly made. Such sheets shall not be cut or
pasted together.

(d) All signers of each separate nomination petition shall reside in
the same county and election district of the office sought. The affidavit
described in this paragraph of a petition circulator who is a resident of the
state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector in the state of
Kansas or of the candidate shall be appended to each petition and shall
contain, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator, a
verification, signed by the circulator or the candidate, to the effect that
such circulator or the candidate personally witnessed the signing of the
petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (g), nomination
petitions shall be signed:

(1) If for a state officer elected on a statewide basis or for the office
of United States senator, by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of
the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the
state as compiled by the office of the secretary of state;

(2) If for a state or national officer elected on less than a statewide
basis, by voters equal in number to not less than 2% of the total of the
current voter registration of the party designated in such district as
compiled by the office of the secretary of state, except that for the office
of district magistrate judge, by not less than 2% of the total of the current
voter registration of the party designated in the county in which such
office is to be filled as certified to the secretary of state in accordance
with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto;

(3) If for a county office, by voters equal in number to not less than
3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such district or county as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto; and

(4) If for a township office, by voters equal in number to not less than 3% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in such township as compiled by the county election officer and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3302, and amendments thereto.

(f) Subject to the requirements of K.S.A. 25-202, and amendments thereto, any political organization filing nomination petitions for a majority of the state or county offices, as provided in this act, shall have a separate primary election ballot as a political party and, upon receipt of such nomination petitions, the respective officers shall prepare a separate state and county ballot for such new party in their respective counties or districts thereof in the same manner as is provided for existing parties.

(g) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of education:

(1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or before May 10, nomination petitions for nomination to such offices shall be signed by voters equal in number to not less than 1% of the total of the current voter registration of the party designated in the district as compiled by the office of the secretary of state.

(2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after May 11, nomination petitions for nomination to the following offices shall be signed by registered voters of the party designated in the district equal in number to not less than the following:

(A) For the office of representative in the United States congress 1,000 registered voters;

(B) For the office of member of the state board of education 300 registered voters;

(C) For the office of state senator 75 registered voters; and

(D) For the office of state representative 25 registered voters.

(h) In any year in which districts are reapportioned for the offices of representative in the United States congress, senator and representative in the legislature of the state of Kansas or member of the state board of education:
(1) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or before June 10, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12:00 noon on June 24, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

(2) If new boundary lines are defined and districts established in the manner prescribed by law on or after June 11, the deadline for filing nomination petitions and declarations of intention to become a candidate for such office, accompanied by the fee required by law, shall be 12:00 noon on July 12, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-4004 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4004. The provisions of K.S.A. 25-205, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to the offices of governor and lieutenant governor. The names of candidates for governor and lieutenant governor shall be printed upon the official primary ballot when each pair thereof shall have qualified to become candidates in one or the other of the following methods and none other: First, they shall have had filed in their behalf, not later than twelve o’clock noon, June 10, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then before twelve o’clock noon the following business day, nomination papers, commonly called nomination petitions, as provided for in K.S.A. 25-4005, and amendments thereto; or, second, they shall have filed not later than the time for filing nomination papers, as above provided, with the secretary of state, as hereinafter prescribed, a declaration of intention to become candidates, accompanied by a fee as provided in K.S.A. 25-4006, and amendments thereto.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-4004 and K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-205 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.