AN ACT concerning elections; pertaining to certain primary elections;
and 71-1415 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-2021 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-2021. (a) A primary election shall be held if needed to
reduce the number of candidates for each office in the general election to
no more than three candidates. No primary election of school district
board members shall be held unless by holding such primary two or more
persons will be eliminated as candidates for office. In the event there are
not more than three times the number of candidates as there are board
members to be elected, the names of the candidates for such office shall
not appear on the primary election ballots, and there shall be no primary
election for such office, but the names of such candidates shall be placed
on the general school board election ballot.

In school districts in which a member district method of election is in
effect, if there are more than three qualified candidates for any member
position in any member district, the county election officer shall call, and
there shall be held, a primary election in each such member district. The
names of the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for
any member position at the primary election shall appear on the ballots
in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates
for any member position, there shall not be a primary election and the
names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general
election.

(b) In school districts in which the election at large method of election
is in effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as
there are board members to be elected, the county election officer shall
call, and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the
number of candidates as there are board members to be elected who
received the greatest number of votes at the primary election shall appear
on the ballots in the general election. If there are not more than three
times the number of candidates as there are board members to be elected,
there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates
shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.
(c) If a member is to be elected to fill an unexpired term, the office shall be listed separately on the ballots. If there are more than three candidates for such unexpired term, the county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of the two candidates for such unexpired term receiving the greatest number of votes shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates for the unexpired term of any member position, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(b) (d) On the ballots in general school elections, blank lines for the names of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates for each different office. The number of blank lines for such elected office shall be equal to the number to be elected thereto. The purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary school election ballots.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-2102 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2102. (a) "General election" means the election held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of even-numbered years, the elections held for officers on the first Tuesday in April, and in the case of special elections of any officers to fill vacancies, the election at which any such officer is finally elected.

(b) "Primary election" means the election held on the first Tuesday in August of even-numbered years, the election held five weeks preceding the election on the first Tuesday in April, and any other preliminary election at which part of the candidates for special election to any national, state, county, city or school office are eliminated by the process of the election but at which no officer is finally elected.

(c) "District method" means the election of city officers where the city is divided into member districts.

(d) "Election at large method" means the election of city officers without member districts.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-2108a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2108a. (a) There shall be a primary election of city officers on the Tuesday preceding by five weeks the first Tuesday in April of every year that such city has a city election, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section.

(b) A primary election shall be held if needed to reduce the number of candidates for each office in the general election to no more than three candidates. No primary election of city officers shall be held unless by holding such primary two or more persons will be eliminated as candidates for office. In the event there are not more than three times the
number of candidates as there are officers to be elected, the names of the
candidates for such office shall not appear on the primary election ballots,
and there shall be no primary election for such office, but the names of
such candidates shall be placed on the general city election ballot.

(b) In college districts in which the election at large method of
election is in effect, if there are more than three times the number of
candidates as there are trustees to be elected, the county election officer
shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice
the number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected who receive
the greatest number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the
ballots in the general election. If there are not more than three times the
number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected, there shall not
be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on
the ballots in the general election.

(c) If a member is to be elected to fill an unexpired term, the office
shall be listed separately on the ballots. If there are more than three
candidates for such unexpired term, the county election officer shall call,
and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of the two
candidates for such unexpired term receiving the greatest number of
votes shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three
or fewer qualified candidates for the unexpired term of any member
position, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the
candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(d) On the ballots in general college district elections, blank lines for
the names of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of
candidates for each different office. The number of blank lines for each
elected office shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected
thereunto. The purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to
insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such
voter desires to vote for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall
appear on primary college district election ballots.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 71-1415 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 71-1415. (a) A primary election shall be held if needed to reduce
the number of candidates for each office in the general election to no
more than three candidates. No primary election of trustees shall be held
unless by holding such primary two or more persons will be eliminated as
candidates for office. In the event there are not more than three times the
number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected, the names of the
candidates for such office shall not appear on the primary election ballots,
and there shall be no primary election for such office, but the names of
such candidates shall be placed on the general election ballot for the
board of trustees.

(b) In the general election, there shall appear on the ballots a line
appropriate for write-in candidates. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on the primary election ballots.

In college districts in which a district method of election is in effect, if there are more than three qualified candidates for any member position, the county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election in each such member district. The names of the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes for any member position at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member position, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(b) In college districts in which the election at large method of election is in effect, if there are more than three times the number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected, the county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of twice the number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected who receive the greatest number of votes at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are not more than three times the number of candidates as there are trustees to be elected, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(c) If a member is to be elected to fill an unexpired term, the office shall be listed separately on the ballots. If there are more than three candidates for such unexpired term, the county election officer shall call, and there shall be held, a primary election. The names of the two candidates for such unexpired term receiving the greatest number of votes shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates for the unexpired term of any member position, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(d) On the ballots in general college district elections, blank lines for the names of write-in candidates shall be printed at the end of the list of candidates for each different office. The number of blank lines for each elected office shall be equal to the number of candidates to be elected thereto. The purpose of such blank lines shall be to permit the voter to insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom such voter desires to vote for such office. No lines for write-in candidates shall appear on primary college district election ballots.


Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.