
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 name 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 or wards.

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

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 25-4153 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4153. (a) The aggregate amount contributed to a candidate and such candidate's candidate committee and to all party committees and political committees and dedicated to such candidate's campaign, by any political committee or any person except a party committee, the candidate or the candidate's spouse, shall not exceed the following:

(1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor or for other state officers elected from the state as a whole, $2,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election;

(2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district
judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, member of the state board of education or a candidate for local office, $500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election.

(3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of education, $1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party) and an equal amount for each general election.

(b) For the purposes of this section, the face value of a loan at the end of the period of time allocable to the primary or general election is the amount subject to the limitations of this section. A loan in excess of the limits herein provided may be made during the allocable period if such loan is reduced to the permissible level, when combined with all other contributions from the person making such loan, at the end of such allocable period.

(c) For the purposes of this section, all contributions made by unemancipated children under 18 years of age shall be considered to be contributions made by the parent or parents of such children. The total amount of such contribution shall be attributed to a single custodial parent and 50% of such contribution to each of two parents.

(d) The aggregate amount contributed to a state party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed $15,000 in each calendar year; and the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a person other than a national party committee or a political committee shall not exceed $5,000 in each calendar year.

The aggregate amount contributed by a national party committee to a state party committee shall not exceed $25,000 in any calendar year, and the aggregate amount contributed to any other party committee by a national party committee shall not exceed $10,000 in any calendar year.

The aggregate amount contributed to a party committee by a political committee shall not exceed $5,000 in any calendar year.

(e) Any political funds which have been collected and were not subject to the reporting requirements of this act shall be deemed a person subject to these contribution limitations.

(f) Any political funds which have been collected and were subject to the reporting requirements of the campaign finance act shall not be used in or for the campaign of a candidate for a federal elective office.

(g) The amount contributed by each individual party committee of the same political party other than a national party committee to any candidate for office, for any primary election at which two or more candidates are seeking the nomination of such party shall not exceed the following:

(1) For the pair of offices of governor and lieutenant governor and for
each of the other state officers elected from the state as a whole, $2,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party);

(2) For the office of member of the house of representatives, district judge, district magistrate judge, district attorney, member of the state board of education or a candidate for local office, $500 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).

(3) For the office of state senator or member of the state board of education, $1,000 for each primary election (or in lieu thereof a caucus or convention of a political party).

(h) When a candidate for a specific cycle does not run for office, the contribution limitations of this section shall apply as though the individual had sought office.

(i) No person shall make any contribution or contributions to any candidate or the candidate committee of any candidate in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds $100 for any one primary or general election, and no candidate or candidate committee of any candidate shall accept any contribution or contributions in the form of money or currency of the United States which in the aggregate exceeds $100 from any one person for any one primary or general election.

Sec. 4. 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 cities in which a district method of election is in effect, if there are more than three qualified candidates for 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 such member district at the primary election shall appear on the ballots in the general election. If there are three or fewer qualified candidates for any member district, there shall not be a primary election and the names of the candidates shall
be placed on the ballots in the general election.

(c) In cities 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 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 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 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.

(d) On the ballots in general city 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 city election ballots.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 25-4148 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4148. (a) Every treasurer shall file a report prescribed by this section. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state office, other than officers elected on a state-wide basis, shall be filed in both with the office of the secretary of state and in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the candidate is a resident. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for state-wide office shall be filed electronically and only with the secretary of state. Reports filed by treasurers for candidates for local office shall be filed electronically in the office of the county election officer of the county in which the name of the candidate is on the ballot. Except as otherwise provided by subsection (h), all such reports shall be filed in time to be received in the offices required on or before each of the following days:

(1) The eighth day preceding the primary election, which report shall be for the period beginning on January 1 of the election year for the office the candidate is seeking and ending 12 days before the primary election, inclusive;

(2) the eighth day preceding a general election, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the primary election and ending 12 days before the general election, inclusive;

(3) January 10 of the year after an election year, which report shall be for the period beginning 11 days before the general election and ending on December 31, inclusive;

(4) for any calendar year when no election is held, a report shall be
filed on the next January 10 for the preceding calendar year;

(5) a treasurer shall file only the annual report required by subsection (4) for those years when the candidate is not participating in a primary or general election.

(b) Each report required by this section shall state:

(1) Cash on hand on the first day of the reporting period;

(2) the name and address of each person who has made one or more contributions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50 during the election period together with the amount and date of such contributions, including the name and address of every lender, guarantor and endorser when a contribution is in the form of an advance or loan;

(3) the aggregate amount of all proceeds from bona fide sales of political materials such as, but not limited to, political campaign pins, buttons, badges, flags, emblems, hats, banners and literature;

(4) the aggregate amount of contributions for which the name and address of the contributor is not known;

(5) each contribution, rebate, refund or other receipt not otherwise listed;

(6) the total of all receipts;

(7) the name and address of each person to whom expenditures have been made in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50, with the amount, date; and purpose of each; the names and addresses of all persons to whom any loan or advance has been made; when an expenditure is made by payment to an advertising agency, public relations firm or political consultants for disbursement to vendors, the report of such expenditure shall show in detail the name of each such vendor and the amount, date and purpose of the payments to each;

(8) the name and address of each person from whom an in-kind contribution was received or who has paid for personal services provided without charge to or for any candidate, candidate committee, party committee or political committee, if the contribution is in excess of $100 and is not otherwise reported under subsection (b)(7), and the amount, date and purpose of the contribution;

(9) the aggregate of all expenditures not otherwise reported under this section; and

(10) the total of expenditures.

(c) In addition to the requirements of subsection (b), every treasurer for any political committee and party committee shall report the following:

(1) (A) The name and address of each candidate for state or local office for whom an expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution has been made in an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of $300, with the amount, date and purpose of each. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided; and
(B) the name and address of each candidate for state or local office who is the subject of an expenditure which:
   (i) is made without the cooperation or consent of a candidate or candidate committee;
   (ii) expressly advocates the nomination, election or defeat of such candidate; and
   (iii) is an aggregate amount or having a fair market value in excess of $300.

(2) The report shall state the amount, date and purpose of the expenditure in the form of an in-kind contribution. The report shall show in detail the specific service or product provided. The reporting requirements imposed by this subsection shall be in addition to all other requirements required by this section.

(d) Treasurers of candidates and of candidate committees shall itemize the purchase of tickets or admissions to testimonial events by a person who purchases such tickets or admissions in an aggregate amount or value in excess of $50 per event, or who purchases such a ticket or admission at a cost exceeding $25 per ticket or admission. All other purchases of tickets or admissions to testimonial events shall be reported in an aggregate amount and shall not be subject to the limitations specified in K.S.A. 25-4154, and amendments thereto.

(e) If a contribution or other receipt from a political committee is required to be reported under subsection (b), the report shall include the full name of the organization with which the political committee is connected or affiliated or; a description of the connection to or affiliation with such organization. If, the committee is not connected or affiliated with any one organization, the report shall state the trade, profession or primary interest of the political committee as reflected by the statement of purpose of such organization.

(f) The commission may require any treasurer to file an amended report for any period for which the original report filed by such treasurer contains material errors or omissions. The notice of the errors or omissions shall be part of the public record. The amended report shall be filed within 30 days after notice by the commission.

(g) The commission may require any treasurer to file a report for any period for which the required report is not on file. The notice of the failure to file shall be part of the public record. Such report shall be filed within five days after notice by the commission.

(h) For the purpose of any report required to be filed pursuant to subsection (a) by the treasurer of any candidate seeking nomination by convention or caucus or by the treasurer of the candidate's committee or by the treasurer of any party committee or political committee, the date of the convention or caucus shall be considered the date of the primary election.
(i) If a report is sent by certified or registered mail on or before the
day it is due, the mailing shall constitute receipt by that office.

(j) Any report required by this section may be signed by the candidate
in lieu of the candidate's treasurer or the treasurer of the candidate's
committee.

Sec. 6. 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. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.