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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 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 noon, June 1, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, 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 (here specify the office) ______________, 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

Name of

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
(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 or the candidate, 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 May 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 noon on June 1, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12 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 May 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 noon on June 10, or if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then...
before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-302a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-302a. Any political party seeking official recognition in this state after the effective date of this act shall file in its behalf, not later than 12:00 noon, June 1, prior to the primary election held on the first Tuesday of August in even-numbered years, 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 a holiday petitions signed by qualified electors equal in number to at least 2% of the total vote cast for all candidates for the office of governor in the state in the last preceding general election. Such petitions shall declare support for the official recognition of a political party, the name of which shall be stated in the declaration. No political party seeking official recognition shall assume a name or designation which, in the opinion of the secretary of state, is unreasonably lengthy or so similar to the name or designation of an existing political party as to confuse or mislead the voters at an election.

Petitions seeking official recognition of a political party shall be substantially in the following form:

PETITION SEEKING THE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE ______________ PARTY IN THE STATE OF KANSAS

I, the undersigned, hereby declare my support for the official recognition of the ______________ Party.

I have personally signed this petition; I am a registered elector of the state of Kansas and the County of ______________, and my residence address is correctly written after my name.

NAME OF ADDRESS AS CITY DATE OF SIGNER REGISTERED SIGNING

Appended to each petition page or set of pages shall be an affidavit by the circulator of the petition affirming that such circulator is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector in Kansas and that the circulator personally witnessed the signing of the petition by each person whose name appears thereon. The affidavit shall be executed before a person authorized to administer oaths and include the address of the circulator.

Each page of such petition shall bear the names of registered voters of a single county. All petitions shall be grouped according to the county in which each was circulated before being filed with the secretary of state. All such petitions shall be filed at one time. Any related petitions presented thereafter will be deemed to be separate and not a part of earlier filings. County election officers shall cooperate with the secretary of state in verifying the sufficiency of these petitions as required by law.

The secretary of state shall transmit such petitions to the county
election officer of each county for which petitions were presented to be
examined for sufficiency pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 25-3601 et
seq., and amendments thereto, and applicable regulations. Not more than
20 days following receipt of such petitions from the secretary of state, the
county election officer shall return these documents to the secretary of
state certifying the number of sufficient signatures thereon. The secretary
of state shall gather all petitions and determine whether a sufficient
number of signatures was submitted. The secretary of state shall forthwith
notify the person who submitted the declaration of intent to circulate such
petitions of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the number of signatures.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-303 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-303. (a) This section shall not apply to city and school
elections, nor to election of other officers provided by law to be elected in
April.
(b) All nominations other than party nominations shall be
independent nominations. No person who has declared and retains a party
affiliation in accordance with K.S.A. 25-3301, and amendments thereto,
shall be eligible to accept an independent nomination for any office.
Independent nominations of candidates for any office to be filled by the
voters of the state at large may be made by nomination petitions signed by
not less than 5,000 qualified voters for each candidate and in the case of
governor and lieutenant governor for each pair of such candidates.
(c) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by
the voters of a county, district or other division less than a state may be
made by nomination petitions signed by voters equal in number to not less
than 4% of the current total of qualified voters of such county, district or
other division as compiled by the office of the secretary of state in the case
of state offices and as compiled in the office of the county election officer
and certified to the secretary of state in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2311,
and amendments thereto, in the case of local offices, and in no case to be
signed by less than 25 nor more than 5,000 qualified voters of such county,
district or division, for each candidate.
(d) Independent nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by
the voters of a township may be made by nomination papers signed by not
less than 5% of the current total of qualified voters of such township,
computed as above provided, for each candidate, and in no case to be
signed by less than 10 such voters of such township for each candidate.
(e) The signatures to such nomination petitions need not all be
appended to one paper, but each registered voter signing an independent
certificate of nomination shall add to the signature such petitioner's place
of residence and post office address. All signers of each separate
nomination petition shall reside in the same county and election district of
the office sought. The affidavit of the candidate or a petition circulator
who is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an
elector of the state of Kansas shall be appended to each petition and shall
contain, at the end of each set of documents carried by each circulator or
candidate, a verification, signed by the circulator or candidate, to the
effect that such circulator or candidate personally witnessed the signing of
the petition by each person whose name appears thereon.

(f) No such nomination paper shall contain the name of a candidate
for governor without in the same such paper containing the name of a
candidate for lieutenant governor, and if it does it shall be void.

(g) No person shall join in nominating more than one person for the
same office, and if this is done, the name of such petitioner shall not be
counted on any certificate.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-3602 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-3602. (a) Each petition shall consist of one or more documents
pertaining to a single issue or proposition under one distinctive title. The
documents shall be filed with the county election officer or other official,
if another official is designated in the applicable statutes. The filing shall
be made at one time all in one group. Later or successive filings of
documents relating to the same issue or proposition shall be deemed to be
separate petitions and not a part of any earlier or later filing.

(b) Unless otherwise specifically required, each petition shall: (1)
State the question which petitioners seek to bring to an election in the form
of a question as it should appear upon the ballot in accordance with the
requirements of K.S.A. 25-620 and K.S.A. 25-3601, and amendments
thereto;

(2) name the taxing subdivision or other political subdivision in
which an election is sought to be held;

(3) contain the following recital above the spaces provided for
signatures: "I have personally signed this petition. I am a registered elector
of the state of Kansas and of ____________________________ (here insert name of political or taxing subdivision)
and my residence address is correctly written after my name."
The recital shall be followed by blank spaces for the signature,
residence address and date of signing for each person signing the petition.

When petitioners are required by law to possess qualifications in
addition to being registered electors, the form of the petition shall be
amended to contain a recital specifying the additional qualifications
required and stating that the petitioners possess the qualifications; and

(4) contain the following recital, at the end of each set of documents
carried by each circulator: "I am the circulator of this petition and a-
resident of the state of Kansas and possess the qualifications of an elector
of the state of Kansas. I have personally witnessed the signing of the
petition by each person whose name appears thereon.
The recital of the circulator of each petition shall be verified upon oath or affirmation before a notarial officer in the manner prescribed by K.S.A. 53-501, et seq., and amendments thereto.

(c) Any person who has signed a petition who desires to withdraw such person's name may do so by giving written notice to the county election officer or other designated official not later than the third day following the date upon which the petition is filed.

(d) Any petition shall be null and void unless submitted to the county election officer or other designated official within 180 days of the date of the first signature on the petition.

(e) Unless the governing body of the political or taxing subdivision in which the election is sought to be held authorizes a special election, all elections which are called as a result of the filing of a sufficient petition shall be held at the next succeeding primary or general election as defined by K.S.A. 25-2502, and amendments thereto, in which the political or taxing subdivision is participating.

(f) When a petition requires signatures equal in number to a percentage of the total number of registered voters, such percentage shall be based on the most recent number of registered voters as certified to the office of the secretary of state pursuant to subsection (g) of K.S.A. 25-2311, and amendments thereto.
All nomination papers 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.

Each signer of a nomination paper shall sign but one such paper for governor and lieutenant governor, and shall declare that such signer intends to support the candidates therein named, and shall add to the signer's signature the signer's residence, if in a city, by street and number (if any); or, otherwise by address as shown on such signer's registration. 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.

All signers of each separate nomination paper shall reside in the same county. The affidavit of a petition circulator who is a resident of the state of Kansas and has the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas shall be appended to each such nomination paper, stating that to the best of such petition circulator's knowledge and belief, all the signers thereof are qualified electors of that county; that the petition circulator knows that they signed the same with full knowledge of the contents thereof; that their respective residences are correctly stated therein; that each signer signed the same on the date stated opposite such signer's name, and that the affiant intends to support the candidates therein named. Such affidavit shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

Such nomination papers shall be signed by not less than 1% of the total vote of the party designated in the state. The basis of the percentage shall be the vote of the party for secretary of state at the last preceding general election of secretary of state; or, in case of a new party, the basis of a percentage shall be the vote cast for the successful candidate for secretary of state at the last preceding general election of secretary of state.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4306 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-4306. The application under K.S.A. 25-4305, and amendments thereto, shall include (a) the name and office of the person sought to be recalled, (b) the grounds for recall described in particular in not more than 200 words, (c) a statement that the sponsors are residents of the state of Kansas and possess the qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas and who signed the application with the statement of grounds for recall attached, (d) the designation of a recall committee of three sponsors who shall represent all sponsors and subscribers in matters relating to the recall, (e) the designation of at least 100 residents of the state of Kansas who
possess the qualifications of electors of the state of Kansas and who
subscribe to the application as sponsors for purposes of circulation, and (f)
the signatures and addresses of registered electors in the state or election
district of the state officer sought to be recalled equal in number to not less
than 10% of the votes cast for all candidates for the office of the state
officer sought to be recalled, such percentage to be based upon the last
general election for the current term of office of the officer sought to be
recalled.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4310 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-4310. The petitions may be circulated only by a sponsor who
is a resident of the state of Kansas and possesses the qualifications of an
elector of the state of Kansas and only in person throughout the state or
election district of the state officer sought to be recalled. No copy of a
petition shall be circulated in more than one county, and the county
election officer of the county in which each petition is circulated shall
certify to the secretary of state the sufficiency of the signatures on the
petition. Any registered elector of such election district or of the state, as
the case may be, may subscribe to the petition by signing the elector's
name and address as the same appears on the voter registration books. A
person who has signed the petition may withdraw such person's name only
by giving written notice to the secretary of state before the date the petition
is filed. The necessary signatures on a petition shall be secured within 90
days from the date that the petitions prepared by the secretary of state
pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4309, and amendments thereto, are delivered to the
recall committee. The petition shall be signed only in ink. Illegible
signatures unless accompanied by a legible printed name may be rejected
by the secretary of state or by any county election officer assisting the
secretary of state.

Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 25-4320 is hereby amended to read as
follows: 25-4320. (a) Each petition for recall of a local officer shall
include: (1) The name and office of the local officer sought to be recalled;
(2) the grounds for recall described in particular in not more than 200
words; (3) a statement that the petition signers are registered electors of
the election district of the local officer sought to be recalled; (4) the names
and addresses of three registered electors of the election district of the
officer sought to be recalled who shall comprise the recall committee; (5)
the statement of warning required in K.S.A. 25-4321, and amendments thereto; and (6) a statement that a list of all sponsors persons authorized to
circulate recall petitions for such recall may be examined in the office of
the county election officer where the petition is required to be filed. Each
sponsor shall be a resident of the state of Kansas and possess the
qualifications of an elector of the state of Kansas.

(b) Each page of a petition for recall of a local officer shall be in
I, the undersigned, hereby seek the recall of ______________ from the office of ______________________________________, on the ground(s) that __________________________________,(state specific grounds) and declare that I am a registered elector of ___________________ County, Kansas, and of the election district of the officer named above.

Name of or RR
Street Number
Name of City
Signer (as Registered) Signing

NOTE:
1. It is a class B misdemeanor to sign a name other than your own name to this petition, to knowingly sign more than once for the recall of the same officer at the same election or to sign this petition knowing you are not a registered elector.
2. The following comprise the recall committee:
(names and resident addresses)
3. A list of all sponsors authorized to circulate petitions for this recall may be examined in the office of the ____________ County election officer.
(c) A county election officer shall provide a sample of the form prescribed by subsection (b) upon request by any person.
(d) The affidavit required by K.S.A. 25-4325, and amendments thereto, shall be appended to each petition for recall of a local officer.
Sec. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Kansas register.