

As Amended by House Committee

Session of 2004

HOUSE BILL No. 2915

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

2-25

10 AN ACT concerning the legislature; relating to preorganizational meet-
11 ings of members-elect; election of leaders; amending K.S.A. 46-142
12 and repealing the existing section.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 46-142 is hereby amended to read as follows: 46-
16 142. (a) Persons elected to the house of representatives in ~~1976~~ 2004 for
17 terms to commence in ~~1977~~ 2005, shall meet at the state capitol in Topeka
18 on the first Monday in December in ~~1976~~ 2004, and such members-elect
19 shall convene at 10 o'clock a.m. in the house of representatives. The
20 secretary of state or an assistant or deputy assistant designated by the
21 secretary of state shall call the meeting to order, and shall call the roll of
22 the members-elect from the list certified by the state board of canvassers
23 as provided in K.S.A. 25-3206 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, and shall
24 thereupon appoint one of the members-elect to be temporary chairperson
25 of the meeting. Upon adjournment, on the same day, the members-elect
26 of the majority and minority parties of the house of representatives shall
27 caucus and nominate, respectively, their candidates for speaker and
28 speaker pro tem of the house of representatives for the next ensuing
29 biennium, and select, respectively, their majority leader, minority leader,
30 and other caucus or party officers. *All elections conducted pursuant to*
31 *this section* **subsection** *by the republican party for nomination and se-*
32 *lection of candidates for speaker, speaker pro tem, and, as appropriate,*
33 **for selection of majority leader or minority leader and other caucus or**
34 *party officers of the house of representatives shall be by a paper ballot*
35 *vote of the members-elect of the republican party. Each such paper ballot*
36 *submitted by such member-elect shall contain the name of the member-*
37 *elect and such member-elect's nomination or selection for each such leader*
38 *or officer. Such vote shall be recorded and copies shall be made available*
39 *to the public, including the name of the member-elect and such member-*
40 *elect's nomination or selection for each such leader or officer. Such vote*
41 *shall be entered in the journal of the house of representatives, including*
42 *the name of the member-elect and such member-elect's nomination or*
43 *selection for each such leader or officer. Such bodies of members-elect*

1 may determine such other matters as their parties shall deem necessary
2 and proper and as will aid the legislature in organizing and performing
3 its functions as soon as possible after the legislature is convened. In each
4 even-numbered year thereafter, the members-elect of the house of rep-
5 resentatives shall meet and caucus in the same manner and take such
6 actions as hereinbefore indicated.

7 (b) Persons elected to the senate in ~~1976~~ 2004 for terms to com-
8 mence in ~~1977~~ 2005 shall meet at the state capitol in Topeka on the first
9 Monday in December in ~~1976~~ 2004, and such members-elect shall con-
10 vene at 10 o'clock a.m. in the senate chamber. The secretary of state or
11 an assistant or deputy assistant designated by the secretary of state shall
12 call the meeting to order, and shall call the roll of the members-elect
13 from the list certified by the state board of canvassers and shall thereupon
14 appoint one of the members-elect to be temporary chairperson of the
15 meeting. Upon adjournment, on the same day, the members-elect of the
16 majority and minority parties of the senate shall caucus and nominate
17 their candidates, respectively, for president and vice-president of the sen-
18 ate for the next ensuing four years and select, respectively, their majority
19 leader, minority leader, and other caucus or party officers. Such bodies
20 of members-elect may determine such other matters as their parties shall
21 deem necessary and proper and as will aid the legislature in organizing
22 and performing its functions as soon as possible after the legislature is
23 convened. In each fourth year after ~~1976~~ 2004, the members-elect of the
24 senate shall meet and caucus in the same manner and take such actions
25 as hereinbefore indicated.

26 (c) The secretary of state, or an assistant or deputy assistant desig-
27 nated by the secretary of state, shall serve as temporary chairperson of
28 the house of representatives from the moment of convening of the house
29 of representatives until the speaker of the house of representatives has
30 been duly elected and has taken ~~his or her~~ the oath of office. The election
31 of the speaker shall be the first order of business following the adminis-
32 tration of oaths to the members.

33 (d) The secretary of state, or an assistant or deputy assistant desig-
34 nated by the secretary of state, shall serve as temporary chairperson of
35 the senate from the moment of convening of the senate until the presi-
36 dent of the senate has been duly elected and has taken ~~his or her~~ the oath
37 of office. The election of the president shall be the first order of business
38 following the administration of oaths to the senators.

39 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 46-142 is hereby repealed.

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