## SENATE BILL No. 466

## By Committee on Ethics and Elections

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AN ACT concerning elections; pertaining to voter identification; pertaining to advance voting; pertaining to HAVA compliance; pertaining to mail ballot elections; pertaining to party affiliation declarations; amending K.S.A. 25-2354 and 25-3304 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-433 25-1122, 25-1122d, 25-1123, 25-1124, 25-1128, 25-1216, 25-2309, 25-2908 and 25-3002 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-433 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-433. (a) The county election officer shall mail all official ballots with a return identification envelope and instructions sufficient to describe the voting process to each elector entitled to vote in the election on one date not sooner than the 20th day before the date of the election and not later than the 10th day before the date of the election.

- (b) The county election officer shall provide with the ballot a notice to the voter indicating that the voter must submit a valid form of identification to the county election office with such voter's ballot, or shall provide a valid form of identification by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the county board of canvassers.
  - (c) Valid identification shall include:
- (1) a current and valid Kansas driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number, or
  - (2) the last four digits of the voter's social security number, or
- (3) a copy of a current and valid Kansas driver's license or nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document containing, at a minimum, the voter's current name and either the voter's photograph or the voter's current residential address as indicated on the registration book.
- (d) Ballots mailed by the county election officer shall be addressed to the address of each elector appearing in the registration records, and placed in an envelope which is prominently marked "Do Not Forward." Ballots shall not be mailed to any inactive voter who, based on information provided by the postal service, appears to have moved to a residence address outside the county in which the voter is currently registered and who has been mailed a confirmation notice as described in subparagraph

(4) of subsection (e) of K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, or because a "Forwarding Order Expired" or "Moved — No Forwarding Address" notice was received from the post office. Any inactive voter who believes such voter is entitled to vote in the election may request a replacement ballot as provided for in subsection (d) (g) of this section.

- (b) (e) Upon receipt of the ballot the elector shall mark it, sign the return identification envelope supplied with the ballot and comply with the instructions provided with the ballot. The elector may return the marked ballot to the county election officer by United States mail, if it is received by the county election officer by the date of the election, or personally deliver the ballot to the office of the county election officer before noon on the date of the election. The ballot shall be returned in the return identification envelope. The county election officer shall provide for the payment of postage for the return of ballot envelopes.
- (e) (f) The return identification envelope shall contain the following form:

I declare under penalty of election perjury, a felony, that I am a resident and a qualified voter for this election as shown on voter registration records and that I have voted the enclosed ballot and am returning it in compliance with Kansas law, and amendments thereto, and have not and will not vote more than one ballot in this election.

I understand that I must provide one of the following forms of identification with this application in order to have my ballot count:

- (1) A current and valid Kansas driver's license number or nondriver's identification card number; or
  - (2) the last four digits of my social security number; or
- (3) a copy of a current and valid Kansas driver's license or nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows, at a minimum, my current name and either my photograph or my current residential address as indicated on the registration book.

I also understand that failure to complete the information below will invalidate my ballot.

Signature

Residence Address

 $(\mbox{d})$  (g) If the ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the elector, the elector may obtain a replacement ballot from the county election officer as provided in this subsection. An elector seeking a replacement ballot shall sign a statement verified on oath or affirmation, on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, that the ballot was destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received. The applicant shall deliver the statement to the county election officer before noon on the date of the election. The applicant may mail the statement to the county election officer, except a

county election officer shall not transmit a ballot by mail under this subsection unless the application is received prior to the close of business on the second day prior to the election. When an application is timely received under this subsection, the county election officer shall deliver the ballot to the voter if the voter is present in the office of the county election officer, or promptly transmit the ballot by mail to the voter at the address contained in the application, except when prohibited in this subsection. The county election officer shall keep a record of each replacement ballot provided under this subsection.

- (h) The county election officer shall compare the driver's license number, nondriver's identification card number, social security number or copy of other valid identification provided by each voter to the voter registration list verified by the division of motor vehicles in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2354, and amendments thereto. If no identification information was provided by the voter, or if such information does not match the information on the verified voter registration list, the county election officer shall challenge such ballot as provided by K.S.A. 25-414, and amendments thereto, and shall present such ballot to the county board of canvassers along with other provisional ballots. If the canvassers determine that the provisional ballot was properly cast, the ballot shall be counted.
- (e) (i) A ballot shall be counted only if: (1) It is returned in the return identification envelope; (2) the envelope is signed by the elector to whom the ballot is issued; and (3) the signature has been verified as provided in this subsection.
  - (1) It is returned in the return identification envelope;
  - (2) the envelope is signed by the elector to whom the ballot is issued;
  - (3) the voter has provided valid identification; and
  - (4) the signature has been verified as provided in this subsection.

The county election officer shall verify the signature of each elector on the return identification envelope with the signature on the elector's registration records and may commence verification at any time prior to the canvass of the election. If the county election officer determines that an elector to whom a replacement ballot has been issued under subsection (d) (g) has voted more than once, the county election officer shall not count any ballot cast by that elector.

- (f) (j) The county election officer shall supervise the procedures for the handling and canvassing of ballots to insure the safety and confidentiality of all ballots properly cast.
- $\frac{\langle g \rangle}{\langle k \rangle}(k)$  The names of voters whose mail ballot envelopes are returned to the county election officer as "undeliverable" shall be subject to removal from the voter registration book and party affiliation list in the manner provided in subsection (d) of K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments

1 thereto.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1122 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122. (a) Any registered voter may file with the county election officer where such person is a resident, or where such person is authorized by law to vote as a former precinct resident, an application for an advance voting ballot. The signed application shall be transmitted only to the county election officer by personal delivery, mail, facsimile or as otherwise provided by law.

- (b) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted in person, and such voter is a first-time voter; such voter shall provide a form of valid identification such as a current and valid Kansas driver's license, nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document containing the voter's current name and address as indicated on the registration book. Such voter shall not be required to provide identification if such voter has previously provided current and valid identification in the county where registered. The identification document provided in accordance with this section shall contain, at a minimum, the voter's current name and either the voter's photograph or the voter's current residential address as indicated on the registration book.
- (c) If the registered voter is applying for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail, and such voter is a first-time voter, such voter shall provide on the application for an advance voting ballot the voter's current and valid Kansas driver's license number, nondriver's identification card number or the last four digits of the voter's social security number, or shall provide with the application a copy of the voter's current and valid Kansas driver's license, nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document containing the voter's current name and address as indicated on the registration book. Such voter shall not be required to provide identification if such voter has previously provided current and valid identification in the county where registered.
- (d) If a first-time voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid identification, or if the name and address do not match the voter's name and address on the registration book, the voter may vote a provisional ballot according to K.S.A. 25-409, and amendments thereto. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as defined in subsection (c) of this section to the county election officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a voter's identification is valid and

the provisional ballot was properly cast, the ballot shall be counted.

- (e) Applications for advance voting ballots to be transmitted to the voter by mail shall be filed only at the following times:
- (1) For the primary election occurring on the first Tuesday in August in even-numbered years, between April 1 of such year and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.
- (2) For the general election occurring on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November in even-numbered years, between 90 days prior to such election and the last business day of the week preceding such general election.
- (3) For the primary election held five weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.
- (4) For the general election occurring on the first Tuesday in April, between January 1 of the year of such election and the last business day of the week preceding such general election.
- (5) For question submitted elections occurring on the date of a primary or general election, the same as is provided for ballots for election of officers at such election.
- (6) For question submitted elections not occurring on the date of a primary or general election, between the time of the first published notice thereof and the last business day of the week preceding such question submitted election, except that if the question submitted election is held on a day other than a Tuesday, the county election officer shall determine the final date for mailing of advance voting ballots, but such date shall not be more than three business days before such election.
- (7) For any special election of officers, at such time as is specified by the secretary of state.
- (8) For the presidential preference primary, between January 1 of the year in which such primary is held and the last business day of the week preceding such primary election.

The county election officer of any county may receive applications prior to the time specified in this subsection (e) and hold such applications until the beginning of the prescribed application period. Such applications shall be treated as filed on that date.

(f) Unless an earlier date is designated by the county election office, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer shall be filed on the Tuesday next preceding the election and on each subsequent business day until no later than 12:00 noon on the day preceding such election. If the county election officer so provides, applications for advance voting ballots transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer also may be filed on the Saturday preceding the election. Upon receipt

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of any such properly executed application, the county election officer shall deliver to the voter such ballots and instructions as are provided for in this act.

An application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has a temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the English language or by a person rendering assistance to such voter may be filed during the regular advance ballot application periods until the close of the polls on election day.

The county election officer may designate places other than the central county election office as satellite advance voting sites. At any satellite advance voting site, a registered voter may obtain an application for advance voting ballots. Such ballots and instructions shall be delivered to the voter in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as otherwise provided by this subsection.

- (g) (1) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness which has been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and also shall contain information which establishes the voter's right to permanent advance voting status.
- (2) Any person applying for permanent advance voter status shall submit valid identification as provided in subsection (b) or (c) of this section. Once such permanent advance voter has provided valid identification, or if such voter's registration has been verified pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2354, and amendments thereto, such voter shall not be required to provide identification in subsequent elections unless the voter:
  - (A) Moves to another county or state;
  - (B) is removed from the registration list and re-registers; or
  - (C) is removed from the permanent advance voter list.
- (h) On receipt of any application filed under the provisions of this section, the county election officer shall prepare and maintain in such officer's office a list of the names of all persons who have filed such applications, together with their correct post office address and the precinct, ward, township or voting area in which such persons claim to be registered voters or to be authorized by law to vote as former precinct residents and the present resident address of each applicant. Such names and addresses shall remain so listed until the day of such election. The county election officer shall maintain a separate listing of the names and addresses of persons qualifying for permanent advance voting status. All such lists shall be available for inspection upon request in compliance with this subsection by any registered voter during regular business hours. The county election officer upon receipt of such applications shall enter

upon a record kept by such officer the name and address of each applicant, which record shall conform to the list above required. Before inspection of any advance voting ballot application list, the person desiring to make such inspection shall provide to the county election officer identification in the form of driver's license or other reliable identification and shall sign a log book or application form maintained by such officer stating such person's name and address and showing the date and time of inspection. All records made by the county election officer shall be subject to public inspection, except that the voter identification information required by subsections (b) and (c) and the identifying number on ballots and ballot envelopes and records of such numbers shall not be made public.

- (i) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in two consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each even-numbered year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. Such notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration list.
- (j) For the purposes of this section, "first-time voter" means a registered voter who has not previously voted in any election in the county in which the voter desires to vote. First-time voter includes a person whose name was removed from the county registration list in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, and who has re-registered.
- $\frac{\langle k \rangle}{\langle j \rangle}$  The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations defining valid forms of identification.
- Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1122d is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1122d. (a) The application for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail shall be accompanied by an affirmation in substance as follows:

36	Affirmation of an Elector of the County of and State of Kansas
37	Desiring to Vote an Advance Voting Ballot
38	State of, County of, ss:
39	I,
40	(Please print name)
41	do solemnly affirm under penalty of perjury that I am a qualified elector of the
12	precinct of the ward, residing at number
13	on street city of or in the town

T	ship of, county of, and state of Kansas. My date of birth is
2	(month/day/year).
3	I understand that if I have not previously voted in any election in this county and I have
4	not previously submitted valid identification, I must provide one of the following forms of
5	identification with this application in order to receive a ballot:
6	(1) A current and valid Kansas driver's license number or nondriver's identification card
7	number; or
8	(2) the last four digits of my social security number; or
9	(3) a copy of a current and valid Kansas driver's license or nondriver's identification
10	card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government docu-
11	ment that shows my name and address, at a minimum, my current name and either my
12	photograph or my current residential address as indicated on the registration book.
13	I am entitled to vote an advance voting ballot and I have not voted and will not otherwise
14	vote at the election to be held on (date). My political party is
15	(to be filled in only when requesting primary election ballots). I desire my ballots to be sent
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18	Signature of voter.
19	Note: False statement on this affirmation is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
20	(b) The application for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted in
21	person shall be accompanied by an affirmation in substance as follows:
22	Affirmation of an Elector of the County of and State of Kansas
23	Desiring to Vote an Advance Voting Ballot
24	State of, County of, ss:
25	I,
26	(Please print name)
27	do solemnly affirm under penalty of perjury that I am a qualified elector of the
28	precinct of the ward, residing at number
29	onstreet, city of, or in the town-
30	ship of, county of, and state of Kansas. My date of birth is
31	(month/day/year).
32	I understand that if I have not previously voted in any election in this county and I have
33	not previously submitted valid identification, I must provide one of the following forms of
34	identification with this application in order to receive a ballot: a current and valid Kansas
35	driver's license or nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, gov-
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39	indicated on the registration book.
40	I am entitled to vote an advance voting ballot and I have not voted and will not otherwise vote at the election to be held on (date). My political party is
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41	(to be filled in only when requesting primary election ballots).
43	Signature of voter.

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Note: False statement on this affirmation is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

- (c) An application for permanent advance voting status shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state for this purpose. Such application shall contain an affirmation concerning substantially the same information required in subsection (a) and in addition thereto a statement regarding the permanent character of such illness or disability.
- (d) Any application by a former precinct resident shall state both the former and present residence, address, precinct and county of such former precinct resident and the date of change of residence. Such application shall include an affirmation containing substantially the same information required by subsection (a) and shall be accompanied by valid identification as provided in subsection (a).

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1123 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1123. (a) When an application for an advance voting ballot has been filed in accordance with K.S.A. 25-1122, and amendments thereto, the county election officer shall transmit to the voter applying therefor one each of the appropriate ballots. Except as provided by subsection (b), the county election officer shall transmit the advance voting ballots to the voter at one of the following addresses as specified by the voter on such application: (1) The voter's residential address or mailing address as indicated on the registration list; (2) the voter's temporary residential address; or (3) a medical care facility as defined in K.S.A. 65-425, and amendments thereto, psychiatric hospital, hospice or adult care home where the voter resides. No advance voting ballot shall be transmitted by the county election officer by any means prior to the 20th day before the election for which an application for an advance voting ballot has been received by such county election officer. If the advance voting ballot is transmitted by mail, such ballot shall be transmitted with printed instructions prescribed by the secretary of state and a ballot envelope bearing upon the outside a printed form as described in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the same number as the number of the ballot. If the advance voting ballot is transmitted to the applicant in person in the office of the county election officer or at a satellite advance voting site, such advance voting ballot and printed instructions shall be transmitted in an advance voting ballot envelope bearing upon the outside a printed form as described in K.S.A. 25-1120, and amendments thereto, and the same number as the number of the ballot unless the voter elects to deposit the advance voting ballot into a locked ballot box without an envelope. All ballots shall be transmitted to the advance voting voter not more than 20 days before the election but within two business days of the receipt of such voter's application by the election officer or the commencement of such 20-day period. In primary elections required to be conducted on a partisan basis, the election officer shall deliver to such

voter the ballot of the political party of the applicant.

- (b) The restrictions in subsection (a) relating to where a county election officer may transmit an advance voting ballot shall not apply to an advance voting ballot requested pursuant to an application for an advance voting ballot filed by a voter who has a temporary illness or disability or who is not proficient in reading the English language.
- The secretary of state or the county election officer shall compare the driver's license number, nondriver's identification card number, social security number or copy of other valid identification provided by a firsttime voter each applicant for an advance voting ballot to be transmitted by mail to the voter registration list verified by the division of motor vehicles in accordance with federal law K.S.A. 25-2354 and amendments thereto. If no identification information was provided by the first-time voter, or if such information does not match the information on the verified voter registration list, the county election officer shall not transmit an advance voting ballot. issue a provisional ballot to such voter in accordance with K.S.A. 25-409 and amendments thereto. The county election officer shall provide with the ballot a notice to the voter indicating: That the advance voting ballot is provisional; (2) that the voter may submit a valid form of identification to the county election office before the meeting of the county board of canvassers; and (3) how the voter may ascertain whether the voter's provisional ballot was counted and, if such ballot was not counted, the reason therefor.

The voter shall provide a valid form of identification as defined in subsection (c) of K.S.A. 25-1122, and amendments thereto, to the county election officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the county board of canvassers. If the county board of canvassers determines that the provisional ballot was properly cast, the ballot shall be counted.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1124 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1124. (a) Upon receipt of the advance voting ballot, the voter shall cast such voter's vote as follows: The voter shall make a cross or check mark in the square or parentheses opposite the name of each candidate or question for whom the voter desires to vote. The voter shall make no other mark, and shall allow no other person to make any mark, upon such ballot. If the advance voting ballot was transmitted by mail, the voter personally shall place the ballot in the ballot envelope bearing the same number as the ballot and seal the envelope. The voter shall complete the form on the ballot envelope and shall sign the same. Except as provided by K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, the ballot envelope shall be mailed or otherwise transmitted to the county election officer. If the advance voting ballot was transmitted to the voter in person in the office of the county election officer or at a satellite advance voting

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site, the voter may deposit such ballot into a locked ballot box without an envelope.

- (b) Any sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter who is unable to apply for or mark or transmit an advance voting ballot, may request assistance by a person who has signed a statement required by subsection (d) in applying for or marking an advance voting ballot.
- (c) Any voted ballot may be transmitted to the county election officer by the voter or by another person upon request of designated in writing by the voter. Any such voted ballot shall be transmitted to the county election officer before the close of the polls on election day.
- (d) The county election officer shall allow a person to assist a sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter in applying for or marking an application or advance voting ballot, provided a written statement is signed by the person who renders assistance to the sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter and submitted to the county election officer with the application or ballot. The statement shall be on a form prescribed by the secretary of state and shall contain a statement from the person providing assistance that the person has not exercised undue influence on the voting decision of the sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter and that the person providing assistance has completed the application or marked the ballot as instructed by the sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter.
- (e) Any person assisting a sick, physically disabled or illiterate voter in applying for or marking an advance voting ballot who knowingly and willfully fails to sign and submit the statement required by this section or who exercises undue influence on the voting decision of such voter shall be guilty of a severity level 9 nonperson felony.
- Sec. 6. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1128 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1128. (a) No voter shall mark or transmit to the county election officer more than one advance voting ballot, or set of one of each kind of ballot, if the voter is entitled to vote more than one such ballot at a particular election.
- (b) Except as provided in K.S.A. 25-1124, and amendments thereto, no person shall interfere with or delay the transmission of any advance voting ballot application from a voter to the county election officer, nor shall any person mail, fax or otherwise cause the application to be sent to a place other than the county election office. Any person or group engaged in the distribution of advance voting ballot applications shall mail, fax or otherwise deliver any application signed by a voter to the county election office within two days after such application is signed by the applicant.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the voter shall sign an application for an advance voting ballot for such voter.
  - (d) Except as otherwise provided by law, no person other than the

voter, shall mark, sign or transmit to the county election officer any advance voting ballot or advance voting ballot envelope.

- $\frac{\text{(d)}}{\text{(e)}}$  No person, unless authorized by K.S.A. 25-1122 or K.S.A. 25-1124, and amendments thereto, shall intercept, interfere with, or delay the transmission of advance voting ballots from the county election officer to the voter.
- (e)(f) No person shall willfully and falsely affirm, declare or subscribe to any material fact in an affirmation form for an advance voting ballot, or set of advance voting ballots if the voter is entitled to vote more than one kind of advance voting ballot at a particular election, or in a declaration form on an advance voting ballot envelope.
- (f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any person from mailing, carrying or otherwise conveying advance voting ballots or sets of advance voting ballots to the county election officer upon request of advance voting voters.
- (g) Violation of any provision of this section is a class C misdemeanor.
- (g) A voter may return such voter's advance voting ballot to the county election office by personal delivery or by mail. Upon written designation by the voter, a person other than the voter may return the advance voting ballot by personal delivery or mail. Any such person designated by the voter shall sign a statement that such person has not exercised undue influence on the voting decisions of the voter and agrees to deliver the ballot as directed by the voter. Any person designated by a voter to deliver such voter's advance voting ballot shall mail or deliver the ballot and the designation and statement required by this section to the county election office. Such delivery shall occur within two business days after receiving the ballot from the voter but not later than the close of polls on election day.
- (h) Violation of any provision of this section is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.
- Sec. 7. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-1216 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-1216. (a) Every person who is qualified and eligible to vote by federal services absentee ballot under the provisions of this act may make application for such ballot to the county election officer of the county of such voter's residence or to the secretary of state. Such application shall be made by postcard application provided for and prescribed in the federal act or on a form to be prescribed by the secretary of state. Any such application shall be valid for any election at which such voter otherwise is entitled to vote between the date of the application through the next two regularly scheduled general elections for national or state office.
- (b) Any person applying for a ballot pursuant to this act shall not be required to provide identification when applying for a ballot or when

returning a voted ballot to the county election officer.

(c) If the voter is residing outside the United States or is a member of the United States armed forces or a spouse or dependent of a member of the armed forces and a qualified elector and cannot vote timely by mail, the voter may apply for registration and an absentee ballot by facsimile. The voter may also request that the county election officer transmit to such voter by facsimile a ballot, or a second ballot, as the case may be. The voter may then either mail or transmit by facsimile such voter's voted ballot, back to the county election officer.

If the voter chooses to transmit the voted ballot to the county election officer by facsimile, the transmittal shall contain the following statement: "I understand that by faxing my voted ballot I am voluntarily waiving my right to a secret ballot." This statement shall be followed by the voter's signature and the date. Upon receipt of the transmittal, the county election officer shall place the voted ballot along with the signed statement and affidavit in an appropriately marked envelope and seal it. The county election officer and such officer's staff shall take the steps necessary to keep the voted ballots received by facsimile as confidential as practicable.

- Sec. 8. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-2309 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2309. (a) Any person may apply in person, by mail, through a voter registration agency, or by other delivery to a county election officer to be registered. Such application shall be made on: (1) A form approved by the secretary of state, which shall be provided by a county election officer or chief state election official upon request in person, by telephone or in writing; or (2) the mail voter registration application prescribed by the federal election commission. Such application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury and shall contain the original signature of the applicant or the computerized, electronic or digitized transmitted signature of the applicant. A signature may be made by mark, initials, typewriter, print, stamp, symbol or any other manner if by placing the signature on the document the person intends the signature to be binding. A signature may be made by another person at the voter's direction if the signature reflects such voter's intention.
- (b) Applications made under this section shall give voter eligibility requirements and such information as is necessary to identify the applicant and to determine the qualifications of the applicant as an elector and the facts authorizing such person to be registered, including, but not limited to, the following data:
  - (1) Name;
- (2) place of residence, including specific address or location, and mailing address if the residence address is not a permissible postal address:
- (3) date of birth;

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- (5) the last four digits of the person's social security number or the person's full driver's license or nondriver's identification card number or, if the applicant does not have a driver's license number or a nondriver's identification card, the last four digits of the applicant's social security number;
  - (6) telephone number, if available;
  - (7) naturalization data (if applicable);
- 9 (8) if applicant has previously registered or voted elsewhere, resi-10 dence at time of last registration or voting;
  - (9) when present residence established;
- 12 (10) name under which applicant last registered or voted, if different 13 from present name;
  - (11) an attestation that the applicant meets each eligibility requirement;
  - (12) a statement that the penalty for submission of a false voter registration application is a maximum presumptive sentence of 17 months in prison;
  - (13) a statement that, if an applicant declines to register to vote, the fact that the applicant has declined to register will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes;
  - (14) a statement that if an applicant does register to vote, the office to which a voter registration application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used only for voter registration purposes;
  - (15) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant is or is not a citizen of the United States, together with the question "Are you a citizen of the United States of America?";
  - (16) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether or not the applicant will be 18 years of age or older on election day, together with the question "Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?";
  - (17) in reference to paragraphs (15) and (16) the statement "If you checked 'no' in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.";
  - (18) a statement that the applicant may be required to provide identification when voting; and
  - (19) political party affiliation declaration, if any. An applicant's failure to make a declaration will result in the applicant being registered as an unaffiliated voter.

If the application discloses any previous registration in any other county or state, as indicated by paragraph (8) or (10), or otherwise, the county election officer shall upon the registration of the applicant, give notice to the election official of the place of former registration, notifying such official of applicant's present residence and registration, and authorizing

 cancellation of such former registration.

- (c) Any person who applies for registration through a voter registration agency shall be provided with, in addition to the application under subsection (b), a form which includes:
- (1) The question "If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today?";
- (2) a statement that if the applicant declines to register to vote, this decision will remain confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes;
- (3) a statement that if the applicant does register to vote, information regarding the office to which the application was submitted will remain confidential and be used only for voter registration purposes; and
- (4) if the agency provides public assistance, (i) the statement "Applying to register or declining to register to vote will not affect the amount of assistance that you will be provided by this agency.";
- (ii) boxes for the applicant to check to indicate whether the applicant would like to register or declines to register to vote, together with the statement "IF YOU DO NOT CHECK EITHER BOX, YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE DECIDED NOT TO REGISTER TO VOTE AT THIS TIME.";
- (iii) the statement "If you would like help in filling out the voter registration application form, we will help you. The decision whether to seek or accept help is yours. You may fill out the application form in private."; and
- (iv) the statement "If you believe that someone has interfered with your right to register or to decline to register to vote, your right to privacy in deciding whether to register or in applying to register to vote, or your right to choose your own political party or other political preference, you may file a complaint with the Kansas Secretary of State."
- (d) If any person, in writing, declines to register to vote, the voter registration agency shall maintain the form prescribed by subsection (c).
- (e) A voter registration agency shall transmit the completed registration application to the county election officer not later than five days after the date of acceptance. Upon receipt of an application for registration, the county election officer shall send, by nonforwardable mail, a notice of disposition of the application to the applicant at the postal delivery address shown on the application. If a notice of disposition is returned as undeliverable, a confirmation mailing prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, shall occur.
- (f) If an application is received while registration is closed, such application shall be considered to have been received on the next following day during which registration is open.
- (g) A person who completes an application for voter registration shall

be considered a registered voter when the county election officer adds the applicant's name to the county voter registration list.

- (h) Any registered voter whose residence address is not a permissible postal delivery address shall designate a postal address for registration records. When a county election officer has reason to believe that a voter's registration residence is not a permissible postal delivery address, the county election officer shall attempt to determine a proper mailing address for the voter.
- (i) Any registered voter may request that such person's residence address be concealed from public inspection on the voter registration list and on the original voter registration application form. Such request shall be made in writing to the county election officer, and shall specify a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy or a threat to the voter's safety. Upon receipt of such a request, the county election officer shall take appropriate steps to ensure that such person's residence address is not publicly disclosed. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring or authorizing the secretary of state to include on the voter registration application form a space or other provision on the form that would allow the applicant to request that such applicant's residence address be concealed from public inspection.
- (j) No application for voter registration shall be made available for public inspection or copying unless the information required by paragraph (5) of subsection (b) has been removed or otherwise rendered unreadable.
- (k) If an applicant fails to answer the question prescribed in paragraph (15) of subsection (b), the county election officer shall send the application to the applicant at the postal delivery address given on the application, by nonforwardable mail, with a notice of incompleteness. The notice shall specify a period of time during which the applicant may complete the application in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2311, and amendments thereto, and be eligible to vote in the next election.
- Sec. 9. K.S.A. 25-2354 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2354. (a) Once each calendar year a check of the registration records of voters in the state of Kansas shall be commenced by the chief state election official or the county election officer by comparing such records to the National Change of Address files. A county election officer may complete one or more checks each calendar year. If the chief state election official performs the check, any discrepancies discovered in the check shall be reported to the appropriate county election officer, who shall initiate the confirmation process prescribed by K.S.A. 25-2316c, and amendments thereto, within 45 days. As an alternative to participation in the national change of address program, the county election officer may conduct mass or targeted mailings to registered voters to obtain infor-

mation upon which to base the confirmation mailings.

- (b) The chief state election official shall, in a manner determined by the chief state election official and the director of the division of motor vehicles, compare information derived from the voter registration records of voters in the state of Kansas to driver's license records for the purpose of verifying the accuracy of the information provided on applications for voter registration in compliance with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. Such comparison shall include each voter's driver's license number or nondriver's identification number or the last four digits of the voter's social security number as provided by the voter on the voter's application for registration.
- (c) The chief state election official shall compare information derived from the voter registration records of voters in the state of Kansas to state felony conviction records for the purpose of removing the names of ineligible voters from the registration list in compliance with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- (d) The chief state election official shall compare information derived from the voter registration records of voters in the state of Kansas to state records on death for the purpose of removing the names of ineligible voters from the registration list in compliance with section 303 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002.
- $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(e)}}$  The chief state election official may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.
- Sec. 10. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-2908 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-2908. (a) Each polling place shall use either:
  - (1) A registration book and a poll book, as defined in K.S.A. 25-2507(a) and K.S.A. 25-2507(b)(1), and amendments thereto; or
  - (2) a registration book, as defined in K.S.A. 25-2507(b)(2), and amendments thereto.

The county election officer shall determine which books are used in each county, and which book voters shall sign.

- (b) A person desiring to vote shall provide to the election board: (1) the voter's name; (2) if required, the voter's address; and (3) the voter's signature on the registration or poll book. A signature may be made by mark, initials, typewriter, print, stamp, symbol or any other manner if by placing the signature on the document the person intends the signature to be binding. A signature may be made by another person at the voter's direction if the signature reflects such voter's intention.
- (1) The voter's name;
  - (2) *if required, the voter's address;*
- (3) the voter's valid identification as defined in subsection (d) of this section; and
- (4) the voter's signature on the registration or poll book. A signature

may be made by mark, initials, typewriter, print, stamp, symbol or any other manner if by placing the signature on the document the person intends the signature to be binding. A signature may be made by another person at the voter's direction if the signature reflects such voter's intention.

- (c) A member of the election board shall:
- (1) Announce the voter's name in a loud and distinct tone of voice, and, if the name is in the registration books, the member of the election board having the registration record shall repeat the name;
- (2) request from the voter a form of valid identification as defined in subsection (d) of this section;
  - (2) (3) request the voter's signature on the registration or poll book;
- $\frac{3}{4}$  provide the required signature at the request of and on behalf of any voter who is unable to personally affix a signature by reason of temporary illness or disability, or lack of proficiency in reading the English language;
- (4) if the voter is a first-time voter as described in subsection (h) of this section, request valid identification from the voter unless such voter has previously submitted current and valid identification in the county where registered;
- (5) give the voter one ballot, on the upper right-hand corner of which shall be written the number corresponding to the voter's number in the registration book or poll book; and
- (6) mark the voter's name in the registration book and party affiliation list.
- (d) A first-time voter shall provide to the election board a form of valid identification such as a current and valid Kansas driver's license, nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document unless such voter has previously submitted current and valid identification in the county where registered. The document provided in accordance with this section shall contain the voter's current name and address as indicated on the registration book or poll book. Valid identification shall include a current and valid Kansas driver's license, nondriver's identification card, utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document containing, at a minimum, the voter's current name and either the voter's photograph or the voter's current residential address as indicated on the registration book.
- (e) If a first-time voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid identification at the polling place, or if the name and address do not match the voter's name and address on the registration book or poll book, the voter may vote a provisional ballot according to K.S.A. 25-409, and amendments thereto. The voter shall provide a valid form of identification

as defined in subsection (d) of this section to the county election officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the meeting of the county board of canvassers. At the meeting of the county board of canvassers the county election officer shall present copies of identification received from provisional voters and the corresponding provisional ballots. If the county board of canvassers determines that a voter's identification is valid and the provisional ballot was properly cast, the ballot shall be counted.

- (f) If the name of any person desiring to vote at an election is not in the registration books, an election board member shall print the name and address of the person appearing to vote in the registration book or poll book. The person appearing to vote shall provide a form of valid identification as defined in subsection (d) of this section and shall add such person's signature to the registration book or poll book beside such person's printed name, as listed in the registration book or poll book, and the election board judge shall challenge such person's vote pursuant to K.S.A. 25-414, and amendments thereto. During the pendency of a challenge other voters shall be given ballots and be permitted to vote.
- (g) A voter who has received an advance voting ballot may vote a provisional ballot on election day at the precinct polling place where the voter resides. If the voter returns the advance voting ballot to a judge or clerk at the precinct polling place, the judge or clerk shall void such advance voting ballot. Any such provisional ballot shall be counted only if the county board of canvassers determines that the provisional ballot was properly cast and the voter has not otherwise voted at such election.
- (h) For the purposes of this section, "first-time voter" means a registered voter who has not previously voted in any election in the county in which the voter desires to vote. First-time voter includes a person whose name was removed from the county registration list in accordance with K.S.A. 25-2316e, and amendments thereto, and has re-registered.
- 31 (i) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations defining 32 valid forms of identification.
  - Sec. 11. K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-3002 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3002. (a) The rules prescribed in this section shall apply to:
    - (1) The original canvass by election boards.
    - (2) Intermediate and final canvasses by county boards of canvassers.
    - (3) Final canvass by the state board of canvassers.
    - (4) All election contests.
- 39 (5) All other officers canvassing or having a part in the canvass of any 40 election.
  - (b) Rules for canvassers:
- 42 (1) No ballot, or any portion thereof, shall be invalidated by any tech-43 nical error unless it is impossible to determine the voter's intention. De-

termination of the voter's intention shall rest in the discretion of the board canvassing in the case of a canvass and in the election court in the case of an election contest.

- (2) The occurrences listed in this subpart (2) shall not invalidate the whole ballot but shall invalidate that portion, and that portion only, in which the occurrence appears. The votes on such portion of the ballot shall not be counted for any candidate listed or written in such portion, but the remainder of the votes in other portions of the ballot shall be counted. The occurrences to which this subpart (2) shall apply are:
- (A) Whenever a voting mark shall be made in the square at the left of the name of more than one candidate for the same office, except when the ballot instructs that more than one candidate is to be voted.
- (B) Whenever a voting mark is placed in the square at the left of a space where no candidate is listed.
- (3) When a registered voter has cast a provisional ballot intended for a precinct other than the precinct in which the voter resides but located within the same county, the canvassers shall count the votes for those offices or issues which are identical in both precincts. The canvassers shall not count the votes for those offices or issues which differ from the offices or issues appearing on the ballot used in the precinct in which the voter resides.
- (4) A write-in vote for those candidates for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor shall not be counted unless the pair of candidates have filed an affidavit of candidacy pursuant to K.S.A. 25-305 and amendments thereto, and:
  - (A) Both candidates' names are written on the ballot; or
- (B) only the name of the candidate for governor is written on the ballot.
- (5) A write-in vote for those candidates for the offices of president and vice-president shall not be counted unless the pair of candidates have filed an affidavit of candidacy pursuant to K.S.A. 25-305 and amendments thereto, and:
  - (A) Both candidates' names are written on the ballot; or
- (B) only the name of the candidate for president is written on the ballot.
- (6) A write-in vote for candidates for state offices elected on a state-wide basis other than offices subject to paragraph (4) shall not be counted unless the candidate has filed an affidavit of candidacy pursuant to K.S.A. 25-305, and amendments thereto.
- (7) Any advance voting or mail ballot whose envelope containing the voter's written declaration is unsigned, shall be wholly void and no vote thereon shall be counted.
- (8) No ballot <del>cast by a first-time voter as defined by K.S.A. 25-1122,</del>

and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 25-2908, and amendments thereto, shall be counted if the voter fails to provide valid identification.

- Sec. 12. K.S.A. 25-3304 is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-3304. (a) Any person who has declared such person's party or voter affiliation in the manner provided by law shall be listed on a voter affiliation list as a member of a registered political organization, or on a party affiliation list if a member of a recognized political party, unless the person's name is purged or removed therefrom as provided by K.S.A. 25-3303, and amendments thereto, or unless the person changes party or voter affiliation as provided in this section.
- (b) Any person, who, having declared a party or voter affiliation, desires to change the same, may file a written declaration with the county election officer, stating the change of party or voter affiliation. Such declaration shall be filed not less than 14 15 days prior to the date of any national, state, county or township primary election. The county election officer shall enter a record of such change on the party or voter affiliation list of such preceding primary election in the proper column opposite the voter's name.
- (c) Any person who has never declared a party or voter affiliation in the county in which such person resides may file a written declaration with the county election officer, stating the person's party or voter affiliation. Such declaration shall be filed not less than 14 15 days prior to the date of any national, state, county or township primary election. The county election officer shall enter a record of such declaration on the party or voter affiliation list of the preceding primary election in the proper column opposite the voter's name.
- Sec. 13. K.S.A. 25-2354 and 25-3304 and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 25-433, 25-1122, 25-1122d, 25-1123, 25-1124, 25-1128, 25-1216, 25-2309, 25-2908 and 25-3002 are hereby repealed.
- Sec. 14. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.