House Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 129

AN ACT concerning elections and campaign finance; amending K.S.A. 25-4153 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624, 24-414, 25-2908 and 65-2418 and repealing the existing sections.

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

Section 1. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624 is hereby amended to read as follows: 2-624. (a) The governing body of each extension district shall be composed of four representatives from each county included in the extension district. At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, the four members representing each county in an extension district shall be elected in a county-wide election by the qualified electors of the county.

(b) At the conclusion of the terms of the members first appointed to membership on the governing body of the district, each member of the governing body shall hold office for a term of four years and until such member's successor is elected and qualified. Each such term of office shall commence on the date of receipt of certification of election by the member elected and shall continue until the member's successor is elected and qualified.

(c) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this act, an election to elect successors to members of the governing body whose terms are expiring shall be held on the first Tuesday in April in each odd-numbered year.

(2) Elections to choose members of the governing body of an extension district shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by this act. Not later than 12 noon of the Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in ~~odd-numbered~~ *election* years, each person desiring to be a candidate for membership on the governing body, in any election, shall file a declaration of candidacy, *accompanied by a filing fee of $5,* with the county election officer of the county represented by the member of the governing body whose successor is to be elected, as a candidate in such election. *The county election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.* The county election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order.

(3) The county election officer of each county within the extension district shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county election officer shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the election. Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the governing body at least five days before the holding thereof.

(4) All election expenses shall be paid by the extension district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under the general election laws.

(d) Any vacancy in the membership of the governing body of an extension district shall be filled by appointment by the governing body for the unexpired term of office. Each member so appointed shall be a resident of the county which was represented by the member creating the vacancy.

(e) The governing body of each extension district shall organize annually in July by electing from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary and treasurer.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 24-414 is hereby amended to read as follows: 24-414. (a) Elections to choose directors shall be conducted, the returns made and the results ascertained in the manner provided by law for general county elections except as otherwise provided by law, and all persons desiring to be voted upon as director, in any election, shall, not later than ~~12:00~~ *12* noon of the ~~Wednesday next following the primary election as such term is defined in subsection (b) of K.S.A. 25-2006, and amendments thereto~~ *Tuesday, 10 weeks preceding the first Tuesday in April in election years*, file a declaration of candidacy, *accompanied by a filing fee of $5,* with the county election officer of the county wherein the district is located, as a candidate in such election, and the election officer in making up the ballots and in placing the names thereon shall place the names on the ballots in alphabetical order, but the returns of all special

or bond elections shall be made to the secretary and canvassed by the board of directors. *The county election officer shall remit such filing fees to the county treasurer for deposit in the county general fund.* The county election officer of the county wherein the drainage district is situated shall appoint election boards as provided by law for other elections and shall designate places for holding the election. The county clerk shall cause to be ascertained the names of all persons within the district who are also qualified electors, and shall furnish lists thereof to the judges of the election.

(b) Notice of the time and place of holding each election, signed by the county election officer, shall be given in a newspaper published in the county and posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the board of directors at least five days before the holding thereof. At all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. In counties having a population of more than 150,000, at all elections and meetings held under the provisions of this act, only persons who are taxpayers and residents of the district who are qualified electors shall be entitled to vote. All election expenses shall be paid for out of the general fund of the drainage district. Election officials shall receive the same compensation as provided under the general election laws.

(c) As used in this section, "taxpayer" means any person who owns any real property or tangible property within the district who pays taxes assessed on such property.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 2011 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; (3) the voter's signature on the registration or poll book; and (4) a valid form of identification listed in subsection (h). 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 the voter's signature on the registration or poll book;

(3) 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) request a valid form of identification from the voter. If the member of the election board is satisfied that the voter is the person depicted in the identification and that the identification provided is one of the valid forms of identification listed in subsection (h), the member of the election board shall place such member's initials in the space provided and allow the voter to vote;

(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) If a voter is unable or refuses to provide current and valid identification, the voter may vote a provisional ballot pursuant to K.S.A. 25-409, and amendments thereto. If the voter's 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 (h) of this section to the county election officer in person or provide a copy by mail or electronic means before the meet-

ing 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) 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 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.

(f) 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.

(g) The secretary of state may adopt rules and regulations in order to implement the provisions of this section and define valid forms of identification with greater specificity, however the requirement that a voter must provide a form of identification that complies with the subsection (h) may not be altered.

(h) (1) The following forms of identification shall be valid if the identification contains the name and photograph of the voter and has not expired. Expired documents shall be valid if the bearer of the document is 65 years of age or older:

(A) A driver's license issued by Kansas or by another state or district of the United States;

(B) a state identification card issued by Kansas or by another state or district of the United States;

(C) a concealed carry of handgun license issued by Kansas or a concealed carry of handgun or weapon license issued by another state or district of the United States;

(D) a United States passport;

(E) an employee badge or identification document issued by a municipal, county, state, or federal government office or agency;

(F) a military identification document issued by the United States;

(G) a student identification card issued by an accredited postsecondary institution of education in the state of Kansas;~~ or~~

(H) a public assistance identification card issued by a municipal, county, state, or federal government office or agency*; or*

(I) an identification card issued by an Indian tribe.

(2) If the person fails to furnish the identification required by this subsection, the person shall be allowed to vote a provisional ballot. The canvassing board shall determine the validity of the ballot pursuant to K.S.A. 25-3002, and amendments thereto.

(i) The following persons are exempt from the photographic identification document requirements of this section:

(1) Persons with a permanent physical disability that makes it impossible for such persons to travel to a county or state office to obtain a qualifying form of identification and have qualified for permanent advance voting status under K.S.A. 25-1124, and amendments thereto;

(2) members of the uniformed service on active duty who, by reason of such active duty, are absent from the county on election day;

(3) members of the merchant marine who, by reason of service in the merchant marine, are absent from the county on election day;

(4) the spouse or dependent of a member referred to in paragraph (2) or (3), who, by reason of the active duty or service of the member, is absent from the county on election day; and

(5) any voter whose religious beliefs prohibit photographic identification. Any person seeking an exemption under this provision must complete and transmit a declaration concerning such religious beliefs to the county election officer or the Kansas secretary of state. The declaration

form shall be available on the official website of the Kansas secretary of state.

(j) "Indian tribe" or "tribe" means any Indian tribe, band, nation or other organized group or community of Indians recognized as eligible for the services provided to Indians by the secretary of the interior because of their status as Indians, including any Alaska native village, as defined in 43 U.S.C. § 1602(c).

Sec. 4. 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. 5. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-2418 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-2418. (a) (1) The secretary shall fix and charge by rules and regulations the fees to be paid for certified copies or abstracts of certificates or for search of the files for birth, death, fetal death, marriage or divorce records when no certified copy or abstract is made. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the secretary shall remit all moneys received by or for the secretary from fees, charges or penalties, under the uniform vital statistics act, and amendments thereto, to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the civil registration and health statistics fee fund created by K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-2418e, and amendments thereto.

(2) The secretary shall not charge any fee for a certified copy of a certificate or abstract or for a search of the files or records if the certificate, abstract or search is requested by a person who exhibits correspondence from the United States department of veterans affairs or the Kansas commission on veterans affairs which indicates that the person is applying for benefits from the United States department of veterans affairs and that such person needs the requested information to obtain such benefits, except that, for a second or subsequent certified copy of a certificate, abstract or search of the files requested by the person, the usual fee shall be charged. The secretary may provide by rules and regulations for exemptions from such fees.

(3) The secretary shall not charge or accept any fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate if the certificate is requested by any person who is 17 years of age or older for purposes of *voting if the applicant lacks the identification required by K.S.A. 25-2908(h), and amendments thereto, or* ~~meeting~~ *to meet* the voter registration requirements of K.S.A. 25-2309, and amendments thereto ~~such person~~. *For voter registration purposes, an applicant for registration* shall swear under oath: (1) That such person plans to register to vote in Kansas; and (2) that such person does not possess any of the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The affidavit shall specifically list the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship under K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto. The secretary shall adopt rules and regulations in order to implement the provisions of this subsection.

(4) Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate or abstract, $3 of each such fee for the first copy of a birth certificate or abstract and $1 of each such fee for each additional copy of the same birth certificate or abstract requested at the same time shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the permanent families account of the family and children investment fund created by K.S.A. 38-1808, and amendments thereto. The balance of the money received for a fee for a certified copy of a birth certificate or abstract shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall

deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the civil registration and health statistics fee fund created under this act.

(5) Upon receipt of any such remittance of a fee for a certified copy of a death certificate or abstract, $4 of each such fee for the first certified copy of a death certificate or abstract and $2 of each such fee for each additional copy of the same death certificate or abstract requested at the same time shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the district coroners fund created by K.S.A. 22a-245, and amendments thereto. The balance of the money received for a fee for a certified copy of a death certificate or abstract shall be remitted to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of the civil registration and health statistics fee fund created by K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 65-2418e, and amendments thereto.

(b) Subject to K.S.A. 65-2415, and amendments thereto, the national office of vital statistics may be furnished copies or data it requires for national statistics. The state shall be reimbursed for the cost of furnishing the data. The data shall not be used for other than statistical purposes by the national office of vital statistics unless so authorized by the state registrar of vital statistics.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 25-4153 and K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 2-624, 24-414, 25-2908 and 65-2418 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

_____

SENATE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

_____
President of the Senate.

_____
Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE
as amended _____

HOUSE adopted
Conference Committee Report _____

_____
Speaker of the House.

_____
Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

_____
Governor.