Session of 2023

## **HOUSE BILL No. 2086**

## By Committee on Elections

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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election procedures; clarifying 2 duties and qualifications of certain election officials; redefining certain 3 election crimes; amending K.S.A. 10-120, 15-809, 19-303, 19-804, 19-4 3419, 19-3422, 19-3439, 25-105, 25-203, 25-208a, 25-211, 25-212, 25-5 213, 25-303, 25-305, 25-308, 25-321, 25-432, 25-433, 25-604, 25-610, 6 25-901, 25-1122, 25-1214, 25-1903, 25-2005, 25-2008, 25-2018, 25-7 2021, 25-21a02, 25-2310, 25-2507, 25-26a03, 25-2702, 25-2703, 25-8 2704, 25-2705, 25-2706, 25-2805, 25-2812, 25-2905, 25-3002, 25-9 3005, 25-3005a, 25-3104, 25-3107, 25-3201, 25-3301, 25-3303, 25-3304, 25-3801, 25-4004, 25-4005, 25-4148d, 25-4322, 25-4612, 25-10 4703, 25-4709 and 71-1415 and K.S.A. 2022 Supp. 19-3424, 25-3009 11 12 and 25-4414 and repealing the existing sections; also repealing K.S.A. 13 25-222, 25-305b, 25-1709, 25-1710, 25-2601, 25-4502, 25-4503, 25-14 4505, 25-4506, 25-4507 and 25-4508.

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35 36 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

New Section 1. (a) The secretary of state shall oversee the conduct of statewide elections in this state as the chief election officer and shall be responsible for assisting and advising county election officers in conducting elections in compliance with federal and state laws and rules and regulations.

- (b) Each county election officer shall be the sole public officer responsible for planning, conducting and coordinating elections held within such officer's county. Such officer shall be responsible for ensuring that all such elections comply with federal and state law and rules and regulations.
- New Sec. 2. No person shall serve as a county election officer if such person has been convicted of any crime described in chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or of any crime in any other jurisdiction that is substantially the same as any such crime.

New Sec. 3. No county election office or any employee or agent thereof shall create, or permit any other person to create, or disclose to any person an image of the hard drive of any electronic or electromechanical voting system, optical scanning equipment or any other voting system that contains a hard drive component without the written consent of the secretary of state.

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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. 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.

- (h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness that 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 that establishes the voter's right to permanent advance voting status.
- (i) 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 the 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. 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 the 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 the 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 the officer stating the 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.
- (j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in four [wo] consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each even-numbered and odd-numbered year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. The notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from

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