## HOUSE BILL No. 2518

## By Committee on Elections

## Requested by Representative Waggoner

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AN ACT concerning elections; relating to advance voting ballots; authorizing the secretary of state, after consultation with county election officers, to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes.

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

Section 1. (a) On or before July 1, 2024, the secretary of state, after consultation with county election officers, shall adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes by county election officers for the return of advance voting ballots. Such regulations shall include the dates, times and locations for the use of remote ballot boxes and any other requirements that the secretary deems necessary to preserve the integrity of the ballots, the remote ballot boxes and the election process.

- (b) As used in this section, "remote ballot boxes" means any form of locked ballot boxes designated by the county election officer as available for use for depositing advance voting ballots. "Remote ballot boxes" does not include any ballot boxes located in a county election office or satellite advance voting site.
- Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.