

## HOUSE BILL No. 2782

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to persons running for public  
2 office in Kansas.

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

5 Section 1. (a) Any person running for public office in Kansas shall  
6 have the same qualifications as a qualified elector in Kansas. Such  
7 qualifications are that such person be 18 years of age or older and be a  
8 resident of the voting area in which such person seeks to vote.  
9 Additionally, such person shall be duly registered to vote by the time such  
10 person would take office if elected and be a citizen of the United States.

11 Proof of citizenship shall be provided to the applicable filing office  
12 when the person files as a candidate for office by providing a document or  
13 a photocopy of such document listed in paragraphs (1) through (13) of  
14 K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments thereto, to the secretary of state, or by  
15 seeking an assessment of evidence of United States citizenship by the state  
16 election board pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309(m), and amendments thereto.

17 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an applicant from providing,  
18 or the secretary of state or county election officer from obtaining  
19 satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship, as described in  
20 paragraphs (1) through (13) of K.S.A. 25-2309(l), and amendments  
21 thereto, at a different time or in a different manner than when a person files  
22 to run for office, as long as the applicant's eligibility can be adequately  
23 assessed by the secretary of state or county election officer as required by  
24 this section.

25 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
26 publication in the statute book.

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