

25-3801. Precinct committeemen and committeewomen; eligibility for office or candidacy; filling vacancies. (a) At each primary election, the members of the party residing in each precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of their number as precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as precinct committeewoman. No person shall be eligible to be a candidate for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless such person actually lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in such precinct, and is in all other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of such party on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer. Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which occurs because the party had no candidate at such primary election shall not be filled until the county central committee has elected or reelected its chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of precinct committeemen and committeewomen, the county chairperson making the appointments shall notify the county election officer of such appointments. The county election officer shall make such appointments public immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act, "primary election" means the statewide election held in August of even-numbered years.

(b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of Kansas Statutes Annotated to fill a vacancy, no appointments shall be made under subsection (a): (1) After the county chairperson has received notice from the county election officer of a vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected office; or (2) after the county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which, is located within a legislative district has received notice from the secretary of state of a vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office.

After the vacancy has been filled by a person elected at a convention held under article 39 of chapter 25 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, any vacancy in the office of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be filled as provided by subsection (a).

History: L. 1972, ch. 129, § 1; L. 1990, ch. 130, § 3; L. 1999, ch. 64, § 1; L. 2001, ch. 81, § 8; July 1.