

## 2016 Kansas Statutes

**72-5418. Same; election; summary dismissal of petition, when.** (a) Upon receipt of a petition under K.S.A. 72-5417 and except as provided in subsection (b), the secretary or a person or persons designated by the secretary may direct and conduct a secret ballot election in order to decide the questions raised by the petition.

(b) The secretary shall dismiss, without determining the questions raised therein, any petition filed under K.S.A. 72-5417, if:

(1) The petition is filed by a professional employees' organization and is not supported by credible evidence that at least thirty percent (30%) of the professional employees in the appropriate unit are members of the professional employees' organization filing the petition; or

(2) the petition is filed by one or more professional employees, asks the secretary to determine the question of whether recognition of a professional employees' organization should be withdrawn, and is not supported by credible evidence that at least thirty percent (30%) of the professional employees in the appropriate unit support the request; or

(3) the board of education, within the previous twelve (12) months, has lawfully recognized a professional employees' organization other than the petitioner as the exclusive representative of any professional employees included in the unit described in the petition; or

(4) the board of education, within the previous twelve (12) months, has lawfully denied or withdrawn the recognition of a professional employees' organization as the exclusive representative of the professional employees included in the unit described in the petition; or

(5) the secretary, within the previous twelve (12) months, has conducted and certified the result of a secret ballot election under the provisions of this act, or the act of which this section is amendatory.

**History:** L. 1970, ch. 284, § 6; L. 1977, ch. 248, § 4; L. 1980, ch. 220, § 5; July 1.