

HOUSE BILL No. 2326

By Representative Lee-Hahn

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; regarding precinct committeemen and
2 committeewomen; requiring reporting of certain information to the
3 county clerk; amending K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 25-3801 and repealing the
4 existing section.

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

7 Section 1. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby amended to read as
8 follows: 25-3801. (a) At each primary election, the members of the party
9 residing in each precinct in each county of the state shall elect a man of
10 their number as precinct committeeman and a woman of their number as
11 precinct committeewoman. No person shall be eligible to be a candidate
12 for or hold the office of precinct committeeman or precinct
13 committeewoman of a party in any precinct unless ~~such~~ the person actually
14 lives, resides and occupies a place of abode in ~~such~~ the precinct, and is in
15 all other respects a qualified elector and is shown as a member of ~~such~~ the
16 party on the party affiliation list, in the office of the county election officer.
17 Except as provided in subsection (b), any vacancy occurring in the office
18 of precinct committeeman or committeewoman shall be promptly filled by
19 appointment by the county chairperson, except that any vacancy which
20 occurs because the party had no candidate at ~~such~~ the primary election
21 shall not be filled until the county central committee has elected or
22 reelected its chairperson. Not later than three days after appointment of
23 precinct committeemen and committeewomen, the county chairperson
24 making the appointments shall notify the county election officer of ~~such~~
25 the appointments. The county election officer shall make ~~such~~ the
26 appointments public immediately upon receipt thereof. As used in this act,
27 "primary election" means the statewide election held in August of even-
28 numbered years.

29 (b) When a convention is to be held under article 39 of chapter 25 of
30 Kansas Statutes Annotated, *and amendments thereto*, to fill a vacancy, no
31 appointments shall be made under subsection (a):

32 (1) After the county chairperson has received notice from the county
33 election officer of a vacancy or a pending vacancy in a county elected
34 office; or

35 (2) after the county chairperson in each county, all or a part of which,
36 is located within a legislative district, has received notice from the

1 secretary of state of a vacancy or a pending vacancy in a legislative office.

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

6 *(c) All precinct committeemen and committeewomen shall report to*
7 *the county election officer their address, phone number and email address,*
8 *if available. Phone numbers and email addresses shall not be considered a*
9 *public record under the open records act but shall be disclosed to the*
10 *appropriate chairperson of the county central committee and the state*
11 *party chairperson.*

12 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2020 Supp. 25-3801 is hereby repealed.

13 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.