

Sub. for SB 171

HOW TO USE THIS SPREADSHEET

This table is designed to be a “road map” to the provisions of each section of Sub. for SB 171. The information is presented section-by-section, and the sections are in numerical order. If a section contains anything relevant to a column heading, this table will summarize the provision(s). (Note: The exception to this description are the columns reflecting current law. They are provided for reference.)

Please note the bill addresses many different units of local government, and each local government unit is addressed in more than one section of the bill. The sections relating to each unit can be nonconsecutive. The provisions relating to cities, for example, are addressed in several nonconsecutive bill sections.

Likewise, the bill addresses several topics relating to the conversion of spring elections to the fall. The same principle described for local government units applies to topics—that is, each topic is addressed in numerous, likely nonconsecutive, sections of the bill. Cross-references are provided to other bills, when applicable.

This spreadsheet does not mention stricken language for home rule and uniformity purposes.

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Any municipality: - city; - unified government (Wyandotte Co., Greeley Co.); - school district; - Johnson County; - Kansas City Board of Public Utilities; - community college; - drainage district; - extension district (KSA 2-623 et seq.); - irrigation district; - improvement district (KSA 19-2753 et seq.); - water (KSA 19-3501 et seq.) (WaterOne); - hospital (KSA 80-2501 et seq.) (excludes any special district electing the governing body at a meeting)	1	New Section	Nonpartisan	November		August		Odd, starting 2017; Option of even for cities to provide for staggered or three-year terms		January, starting 2018		Same as for candidates for national, state, county and township offices (KSA 25-205)				Specify any term that expires in 2017 will expire the second Monday in January 2018, when newly elected officials would take office. Specify any term that expires in 2019 will expire the second Monday in January 2020, when newly elected officials would take office. Require each governing body to establish new terms to comply with this act. Allow any person meeting the qualifications for a municipal office to file a declaration of intent to become a candidate with the county election officer and pay \$20 filing fee.
Cities	2	New Section														Retain existing ordinances and charter ordinances except those relating to the timing of primary and general elections in effect until amended or repealed.
Cities	3	New Section														Allow city to adopt by ordinance any form of government authorized by law, ordinance, or charter ordinance. City may change form of government after four years. City may establish the powers and duties of the governing body, terms of office of two or four years, election by ward or district, other governance matters.
Unified school districts	4	New Section														Require unified school districts to "make suitable school buildings available for polling places," with at least 365 days' notice to the superintendent. <i>Note: Similar provisions covered in 2015 HB 2185.</i>
All (Requirements of Secretary of State)	5	New Section														Secretary of State to develop a public information program re: spring to fall; must use advertisements and public service announcements and official Secretary of State websites. Secretary and county election officers to develop dedicated websites to provide voter education and sample ballots. County election officers in consultation with the Secretary shall develop ways to reduce the ballot length and expedite the voting process on election days.
All (Requirements of Secretary of State)	6	New Section						Odd				If a primary is authorized, June 1; if primary is not authorized or required, September 1				Secretary of State to develop the official primary ballot for municipal offices, prescribe the declaration of intent to become a candidate, establish primary election procedures, and adopt rules and regulations on or before July 1, 2016, to implement this section.
Name of the act	7	New Section														Name Sections 1 through 7 the Help Kansas Vote Act.
Extension district	8	2-623		November	April			Odd	Odd	January; July 1, for new appointed members	Following qualification of successors chosen at April election					Retain terms starting July 1 for members appointed to represent additional counties added to the district.
Extension district	9	2-624										June 1 (Same as in Section 6)	Ten weeks before April election			Declaration of candidacy to be in the manner prescribed in Sec. 6; add extension districts to those published in notice of election and list of candidates (25-105, 25-209). Strike requirement notice to be "posted in a conspicuous place in the office of the governing body." Require all direct election expenses be paid by the extension district (and remove a reference to election official compensation "as provided under the general election laws").

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KC Board of Public Utilities	10	13-1221	Non-partisan	November	Month of city election			Odd						Majority vote of members	Majority vote with a minimum of four votes	Add "election shall be on a non-partisan basis."
Improvement district	11	19-2760														Repeal outdated language related to elections.
Water One	12	19-3505	Non-partisan (current law)	November	April			Odd	Odd	January (second Monday)	May 1					Retain August election if a new water district, with term to start in September. (Existing law would remain unchanged.) Add offices of this water district to those published in notice of election and list of candidates (25-105, 25-209).
Water One	13	19-3507				No primary	No primary					Ten weeks before first Tuesday in April				Declare candidate intention in manner of 25-205; Candidate names to be published in accordance with 25-209; Allow all voters in a precinct to vote if part or all of the water district is in the precinct (not just if the entire precinct is in the district); Water district to pay "all direct election expenses."
Drainage district within city or county	14	24-412		November	April			Odd	Odd							Any director elected in 2015 would hold office until the successor is elected and qualified (2017).
Drainage district within city or county	15	24-414										Ten weeks before April election				Declare candidate intention in manner of KSA 25-205; Add drainage district offices to those published in notice of election and list of candidates (25-105, 25-209); Increase filing fee to \$20; Remove specific ballot rotation provision.
Drainage district where owners of three-fifths of land are nonresidents	16	24-459		November				Odd	(Not specified)	January	April					Change from 14 to 21 days before an election the deadline for an entity desiring to vote to register the name of its designated representative with the county election officer.
Drainage district organized in valley of natural watercourse	17	24-504		November	Last Tuesday of succeeding calendar month			Odd	(Not specified)							Section has to do with elections following the Governor's proclamation of a new drainage district.
Drainage district organized in valley of natural watercourse	18	24-506		November	April			Odd	(Not specified)							
All municipal offices	19	25-204						Both	Even							Add municipal primary election in odd-numbered years to the primary elections for which the Secretary of State is to prepare and transmit a notice of the offices for which candidates are to be nominated.
All municipal offices	20	25-205										June 1				Candidates for municipal offices may qualify by filing nomination petitions or paying a \$20 filing fee; Number of signatures required for a petition to be "as otherwise provided by law."
All municipal offices	21	25-209														Secretary of State to use the procedures of this section (official notices of candidates published in the official county newspaper) to the extent applicable for municipal elections in fall of odd-numbered years.
Municipal offices	22	25-210														Municipal election primary election ballots to be arranged, printed, voted, and canvassed in the manner as provided by law.
All municipal offices	23	25-212														Secretary of State to establish the official primary ballot for municipal elections by rules and regulations.
All municipal offices	24	25-213														Secretary of State to develop the official ballot for municipal elections in odd-numbered years by rules and regulations.
All municipal offices	25	25-610														Secretary of State to establish the general election ballot styles for odd-year municipal elections by rules and regulations.
All municipal offices	26	25-611														Secretary of State to establish the arrangement of offices for the general ballot in odd-year municipal elections by rules and regulations.
All municipal offices	27	25-618														Secretary of State to establish the general ballot for municipalities by rules and regulations.
All offices for which primary and general elections are held	28	25-1115		November	November and April	August	August and 5 weeks before April election	Both	(Not specified)							Amend the definition of "general election" to include elections in November of odd-numbered years; Amend the definition of "primary election" to add the election for municipal and special district officers on the first Tuesday in August of odd-numbered years.

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All (advance ballots)	29	25-1122														Applications for advance ballots: add "odd-numbered years" to times when applications for advance and general election ballots are accepted (between April 1 and the last business day of the week preceding the primary, 90 days before general election until last business day of the week before the election); Removal from permanent advance voting list: notice to inform voter the voter will be removed from an advance voting list will be mailed if the voter fails to vote in 4 consecutive general elections held in November of each even-numbered or odd-numbered year (bill would add "odd-numbered year," increase the number of missed elections from 2 to 4).
School district	30	25-2006		November	April	August	Five weeks before April election	Odd	Odd							
School district, question submitted election	31	25-2007									June 1 standard deadline (KSA 25-205)	Ten weeks before first Tuesday in April				Clarify definition of county election officer.
School district, board	32	25-2010		November	April	August	Five weeks before April election	Odd	Odd							
School district, board	33	25-2014														Ballots: names to be listed as determined in rules and regulations by Secretary of State (as in KSA 25-212 and KSA 25-610, as amended) [current: "various possible orders in rotation"].
School district, board	34	25-2017														Remove a requirement the county election officer prescribe the time of every publication notice applicable to any primary or general school election.
School district, board and question submitted elections	35	25-2018														Notice of election: publication notice for board member elections to be as for statewide primary (KSA 25-204); Move publication notice of primary and general election from six weeks (primary) and three days (general) before election to same as for other elections (KSA 25-209).
School district, district method of election	36	25-2020									June 1 standard deadline (KSA 25-205)					Specify the filing deadline of KSA 25-205; Increase the filing fee from \$5 to \$20.
School district	37	25-2022											If vacancy before May 1 of second year of term, appointee to serve until January after general election	If vacancy before January 1, until July 1		
School district	38	25-2023								Second Monday in January	July 1					Remove requirement the oath of office be filed within ten days with the county election office.
Cities (definition of general election and primary election)	39	25-2102		November	November or April	August	August, and five weeks before April election	Even and Odd	Even							
Cities	40	25-2107		November	April	August	(added by bill)	Even and Odd	Odd							Remove a pre-1968 exception for a certain city's charter ordinance. Specify a city may hold primary and general elections in odd-numbered years.
Cities (primary election method specified)	41	25-2108a				August, if sufficient candidates	Five weeks before April election, if sufficient candidates	Odd	Both							
Cities	42	25-2109									June 1 standard deadline (KSA 25-205)	Ten weeks before first Tuesday in April				

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Cities	43	25-2110										June 1 standard deadline (KSA 25-205)				Candidates for office elected at large to file with county election officer (current: file with city clerk if in city of first or second class); Remove filing fee, filing procedure, and petition signature percentages; Require cities to establish by ordinance the number of qualified electors who must sign a nomination petition.
Cities	44	25-2113	Partisan or Non-partisan													Governing body to determine whether city elections to be partisan or non-partisan; Remove exception to nonpartisan elections for certain urban areas.
Cities	45	25-2115														Ballot rotation: order to be determined by Secretary of State in rules and regulations (KSA 25-212, KSA 25-610).
Cities	46	25-2120							Second Monday in January, after election is certified	First regular meeting after election is certified						
All (voter registration)	47	25-2311														Remove references to April elections from provisions to allow voter registration 20 days before a primary or general election; Remove references to separate state, city and school elections; Allow registration of voters until 9 p.m. in any city (not just of first and second class); County election officer to certify the number of registered voters in each precinct before each primary or general election in odd-numbered years.
All (definitions)	48	25-2502		November	November or April	August	August, and five weeks before April election	Even and Odd, depending on the entity	Even							Remove references to April elections; Add municipal offices to those with primaries.
Election workers	49	25-2804														Add requirement for a person age 16 or 17 appointed as an election judge or clerk to have a letter of recommendation from a school teacher, counselor, or administrator; One-third of the persons appointed to each election board could be younger than 18.
Voters	50	25-2901														Increase from 5 minutes to 10 minutes the time a voter may occupy a voting booth if other voters are waiting to occupy the booth.
U.S. Representative (filling vacancy)	51	25-3503														Remove a reference to filling a vacancy at a general election of city and school officers in odd-numbered years.
Precinct committeeman or committeewoman	52	25-3801				August in presidential election year	August	Even	Even							Change the term of precinct committeeman or committeewoman from two years to four years.
Irrigation district	53	42-706		November	March (would retain election at an annual meeting in March if district is < 35,000 acres)			Odd	Both			June 1 standard deadline (KSA 25-205)	30 days before election			Change term of office from three years to two or four, as established in the board's resolution; Remove language regarding lengths of terms after a first election in an established district of more than 35,000 acres; Any district organized after the regulation election is to hold its election at the next regular election; person getting the most votes shall serve a term of four years, those getting the second and third highest numbers of votes to serve two-year terms; Require declaration of intention to be filed with county election officer using procedures of KSA 25-205; Remove language relating to appointing persons for each voting place; Notice of election: move publication notice of election from at least five days before election to same as for other elections (KSA 25-105); Remove election provision related to two districts with the same district manager.
Community college	54	71-1408														Revise when any community college district could change its method of election (current law: may change first Wednesday in April of odd-numbered year to first Tuesday in December of even-numbered year; proposed: may change first Wednesday in November of odd-numbered year to first Tuesday in June of even-numbered year).
Community college	55	71-1412							January	July						

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Community college	56	71-1413		November	April	August	Five weeks before the first Tuesday in April	Odd	Odd							Add community college board of trustees candidates to those published in notice of election and list of candidates (KSA 25-105, KSA 25-209).
Community college	57	71-1414						Odd	Odd			June 1 standard deadline (25-205)	Ten weeks before the first Tuesday in April			Increase filing fee to \$20.
Community college	58	71-1419	Remain non-partisan													Remove language related to local election laws and a separate canvass.
School district (change of voting plan)	59	72-8008														Change when any school district could change its method of election (current law: may change first Wednesday in April of odd-numbered year to first Tuesday in December of even-numbered year; proposed: may change first Wednesday in November of odd-numbered year to first Tuesday in June of even-numbered year).
Hospital district	60	80-2508		November	April			Odd	Both	January	May					Changes would apply if board members are chosen by election (as opposed to appointed or chosen at an annual meeting); If chosen by election and term is three years, change term of office to four years; Increase filing fee from \$10 to \$20; Remove reference to city elections.
City; County; School district	61	New Section		August or November	Entity choice											Require any election regarding levying or increasing the levy for any tax or authorizing bonds be held at next regularly scheduled primary or general election.
All taxing subdivisions that have the power to issue general obligation bonds (except irrigation districts)	62	10-120		August or November												Require a bond election be held at the next primary or general election that permits notification of not less than 21 days.
Cities (power to levy for revenue purposes any tax, excise, fee or other charge)	63	12-138														Require a tax levy election be held at the next regular primary or general election.
Cities (general obligation [GO] bonds for improvements)	64	12-6a15														Specify no general obligation bonds will be issued unless a majority of voters approves such bonds in an election under KSA 10-120.
Cities (annual tax levy on tangible property for creating a building fund)	65	12-1737														Increase the limit on the levy for public buildings for cities of the first class from 1 mill to 2 mills (as has been the limit for cities of the second and third classes).
Counties (power to levy for revenue purposes any tax, excise, fee or other charge)	66	19-117		August or November												Require a tax levy election be held at the next regular primary or general election.
Counties (issuance of more than \$300,000 in GO bonds)	67	19-15,116		August or November												If the county wishes to authorize more than \$300,000 in general obligation bonds, require a bond election be held at the next primary or general election, rather than at a general or special election. If a county adopts a levy to create a building fund and a petition requesting an election on the levy is signed by at least 10 percent of the county's electors within 30 days of publication of the resolution, require a tax levy election be held at the next primary or general election (rather than at a special election).
Cities (GO bonds for State's part of highway in city when deemed appropriate for city to pay)	68	68-438														Require a bond election for the purpose of issuing general obligation bonds to pay the State's share of the cost of highway improvement in such city be held at the next primary or general election.
School districts (local option budget)	69	72-6433														Require a local option budget election be held at the next regular primary or general election; a requirement for a mail ballot election would be removed.
Cities; Unified governments	70	New Section														Require a special election to fill a vacancy on the governing body of any city or consolidated city and county, if the municipality does not have its own procedure for filling vacancies and has not filled any such vacancies within 60 days, and the governing body has not made an appointment to fill the vacancy within 60 days of the vacancy. (Contents of SB 10, as amended by Senate Ethics and Elections)
Unified governments	71 72	12-344 12-363														Require these consolidated city-county governments to fill vacancies as in Section 70. (Contents of SB 10, as amended by Senate Ethics and Elections)

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Repealer	73															Repeal 56 statutes relating to how a city could choose and change its form of government; Repeal KSA 19-2762, filing for candidates for improvement district director; Repeal KSA 71-1417, ballot rotation for candidates for community college trustee.

(1) A topic was added in parentheses if needed for clarification.

(2) "June 1" or "September 1" includes "if such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, then before 12 noon of the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday"