

Kansas

Registration Deadline

Forms must be received or postmarked 15 days before an election.¹

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Database Implementation Status

The Kansas Secretary of State’s office currently maintains a bottom-up statewide voter registration list that merges quarterly updates from each county onto one list.² Kansas is developing a top-down system, in which county officials will have direct access to a centralized state database. After terminating an original contract with Accenture in February 2005, Kansas signed a new agreement with Election Systems & Software to develop the system.³

Entering Voter Registration Information

Who inputs voter registration information? County elections officials generally review and enter information from voter registration forms in their jurisdictions into the statewide system.

What happens to voter registration forms submitted at state registration agencies? Forms received by the Secretary of State, the Motor Vehicle Department (“MVD”), or another voter registration agency are sent within five days to the appropriate county for review and entry.⁴

How are most forms submitted? Kansas reported that in 2004, 40% of forms were submitted by mail, 30% were submitted in person to election officials, 27% were submitted at the DMV, and 3% were submitted at another voter registration agency.

Voter Registration Form

The relevant portions of the voter registration form are included at the end of this section.

Processing of Forms Without Identifying Numbers

How will the state treat an application with an affirmative indication that the applicant has no valid identifying number? If the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered, but will have to show identification at the polls.

How will the state treat an application without an identifying number and without an affirmative indication that the applicant has no such number? If the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered, but will have to show identification at the polls.

How will the state treat an application listing an identifying number that is either incomplete or illegible? If the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered, but will have to show identification at the polls.

Matching Against Motor Vehicle and Social Security Records

What fields from the voter registration form will the state seek to match to motor vehicle or Social Security records? Identifying number, name, and date of birth.

How precise is the match standard? Kansas has not yet determined how substantial a match will be needed to match information on voter registration forms.

How much human intervention is involved in determining whether information is matched? Kansas intends to use a fully automated system, but has not yet completed system design and has not yet fully determined the extent of human discretion that will be involved.

Description of matching process: Kansas has not yet determined the process by which a match for information on voter registration forms will be sought.

What are the consequences if the state cannot find a match? If the applicant is otherwise eligible, she will be considered registered, but will have to show identification at the polls.

Notice and Opportunity to Resolve Errors

Does the applicant have the opportunity to correct a missing or incomplete identifying number, without submitting a new form? Yes. The applicant may correct missing or incomplete information at any point before the voter registration deadline.

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If information on an otherwise timely application is corrected after the voter registration deadline, is the correction timely? No.

Description of notice and correction process: The county elections official will notify by nonforwardable mail an applicant whose identifying number was missing, incomplete, or illegible.⁵ The applicant may supply a verifiable number – by phone, mail, or in person – at any point before the voter registration deadline.

Identification Requirements at the Polls

Who must provide identification at the polls? A first-time voter who did not submit an identifying number or whose identifying number has not been verified must show identification either in the county registrar's office by the voter registration deadline, or at the polls.⁶

Forms of ID:

1st-time voters without a verified identifying number:	current Kansas driver's license current Kansas nondriver's ID card current utility bill w/ name, address bank statement w/ name, address government check w/ name, address paycheck w/ name, address other gov't document w/ name, address
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What forms of identification are accepted? Valid identification "such as" a current and valid Kansas driver's license or state non-driver's ID card, current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the name and address on the voter's registration.⁷

What are the consequences of failing to show identification? The voter may cast a provisional ballot.⁸ The ballot will be counted if the voter provides identification to the county election officer, in person, by mail, or "by electronic means," within three days of the election, and if the county board of canvassers determines that the voter was otherwise eligible.⁹

Statutes and Regulations

KAN. STAT. ANN. ch. 25 art. 23 generally concerns registration. KAN. STAT. ANN. § 25-2304(b) directs the Secretary of State to develop and administer a statewide voter registration database. KAN. ADMIN. REGS. 7-23-2 *et seq.* comprise the applicable regulations.

End Notes

¹ KAN. STAT. ANN. § 25-2311(a), (e).

² KAN. ADMIN. REGS. 7-23-13.

³ electionline.org, *Assorted Rolls: Statewide Voter Registration Databases Under HAVA*, June 2005, available at <http://www.electionline.org/Portals/1/EB11.FINAL1.pdf>, at 17.

⁴ See KAN. STAT. ANN. § 25-2352(b)(6).

⁵ See *id.* § 25-2309b(e), (k). Although the statute provides only that forms with citizenship checkboxes left incomplete will receive such a notice, Kansas officials confirmed by interview that this represents Kansas practice.

⁶ *Id.* § 25-2908(c)(4), (d).

⁷ *Id.* § 25-2908(d).

⁸ *Id.* § 25-2908(e).

⁹ *Id.* §§ 25-2908(e), 25-3104, 25-409(b).

Voter Registration Instructions

You can use this application to:

- register to vote in Kansas, change your name or your address on your registration, affiliate with a political party, or change your party affiliation.

To register to vote you must:

- be a U. S. citizen and a resident of the State of Kansas.
- have reached the age of 18 years before the next election.
- have received final discharge from imprisonment, parole, or conditional release if convicted of a felony.
- have abandoned your former residence and/or name.

How to register to vote

- Return your completed application to your county. Addresses are on the back of this application. Your county election officer will mail you a notice when your application has been processed.
- Postmark this application by the 15th day before an election in order to be eligible to vote in that election.
- If you decline to register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only. If you do register to vote, the office where you apply will be kept confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only.
- If this form is incomplete, it may be rejected.

* Identification number requirements

Enter your current Kansas driver's license number or the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not have either number, write "none" in the box. The number will be used for administrative purposes only and will not be disclosed to the public (KSA 25-2309).

Notice to first-time voters

If you will be voting for the first time in this county, and do not provide an identification number as requested above, you must complete one of the following options.

- Send a copy of a current, valid photo ID along with your application, or
- Send a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check, or other government document that shows your name and address.

If these requirements are not met or, if the information you provide is not verified, you must provide identification the first time you vote in the county.

For further information contact the Office of the Secretary of State, 1-800-262-VOTE (8683) V/TTY. This form is available at www.kssos.org.

Print in blue or black ink, fold on center line, seal and return.

Kansas Voter Registration Application

Qualifications: If you mark "NO" in response to either of these questions, do not complete this form.

Are you a citizen of the United States of America? YES NO Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? YES NO

Personal Information Please print

Last Name		First Name		Middle	Jr. Sr. II III IV
Residence address (include apt. or space number)			City	County	Zip
Mailing address (if different than residence address)			City	Zip	Date Residence established
					<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of Birth	Daytime phone number (if available)		Naturalization number (if applicable)		* Driver's license number or last four digits of Social Security number
Month / Day / Year					

Party Affiliation Choose one of the following: Democratic Republican Libertarian Reform Not affiliated with a party

Complete if previously registered Please print

Previous name	Previous address	City	State	Zip	County
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Signature I swear or affirm that I am a citizen of the United States and a Kansas resident, that I will be 18 years old before the next election, that if convicted of a felony, I have had my civil rights restored, that I have abandoned my former residence and/or other name, and that I have told the truth on this application.

Sign here _____ Date today _____

Warning: If you submit a false voter registration application, you may be convicted and sentenced to up to 17 months in prison.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	Ward _____	Pct _____	School Dist _____	Member Dist _____
	Sen _____	Rep _____	CoComm _____	