

QUICK FACTS

A provisional ballot is used if there is any doubt about your eligibility to vote. To ensure you don't have to vote a provisional ballot follow the tips below:

- Voters are required to show photo ID before voting.
- Follow instructions carefully. Each voting place will post instructions about the voting process and how to use voting equipment.
- Don't over vote! Be sure to vote for only one candidate for each office.

ELECTION DATES

IMPORTANT DATES FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1
Deadline to change party affiliation before primary

TUESDAY, JULY 12
Deadline to register to vote in primary

FRIDAY, JULY 29
Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2
Primary Election

IMPORTANT DATES FOR GENERAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
Deadline to register to vote

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Deadline to apply for an advance ballot to be mailed

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8
General Election

CONTACT INFORMATION

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County information may be found at
www.sos.ks.gov/elections/elections_registration_ceo.asp

Legal Sources: K.S.A. 25-3701, 25-3702, 25-2316c, 25-414, 25-409. Rev. 2/4/16 tc

A GUIDE TO PROVISIONAL VOTING



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EXPECT A BALLOT

The term “provisional voting” was introduced in Kansas in 1996 as a result of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). A provisional ballot is available if there is any question about your eligibility to vote.

A provisional ballot is provided if, as a registered voter, you change your name or address within the county and fail to re-register before the election. You may vote a provisional ballot if there is a question about your U.S. citizenship, age, registration or residence, or if there is an indication that you have a felony conviction or have already voted during that election.

Voters are required to show photo identification (see valid photo IDs at www.gotVoterID.com). If a voter fails to provide identification the voter will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

PROCEDURE FOR VOTING A PROVISIONAL BALLOT:

1. Before receiving a ballot you must complete a new voter registration application form, which will be attached to a provisional ballot envelope.
2. The reason for the provisional ballot will be written on the envelope along with your number in the poll book. Two election board workers must sign the envelope. One of the board workers will write the word “provisional” next to your name in the poll book.
3. Mark your ballot. If electronic voting machines are used in your county, you will be given a paper ballot. The ballot is then sealed in the provisional ballot envelope.
4. The envelope containing the ballot is secured with other provisional ballots. These ballots are not counted on election day but are set aside for consideration by the county canvassers, the board that certifies the results.

FORMER PRECINCT VOTING:

If you are a registered voter and have moved from one precinct in the state to another precinct in the state 30 days before the election, you may return to your former precinct to vote a regular ballot. This type of voting is guaranteed by the Kansas Constitution in Article 5 and in state law in K.S.A. 25-3701 and 25-3702.

The law does not require this type of ballot to be provisional, but, if there is a question about its validity, it may be marked provisional.

If you cast a provisional ballot, you may contact your county election office after election day to determine if your ballot counted, and if not, why.

Contact information
for your county
election office is
available at
www.voteks.org
