

PROVISIONAL VOTING GUIDE

Provisional voting was introduced in Kansas in 1996 as a result of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Provisional voting provides individuals with the opportunity to vote even though questions exist on their eligibility. Kansas law encourages individuals to participate in an election by allowing any individual with an eligibility issue to cast a provisional ballot.

There are a number of instances where an individual may be provided with a provisional ballot. The most common include:

- Failure to provide photographic identification
- Address change
- Name change
- Already issued a ballot

The *Kansas Constitution* (Article 5) and state law (K.S.A. 25-3701, 3702), allows registered voters who have moved from one precinct to another, in Kansas, 30 days before an election to vote at the former precinct in which they are registered. Unless there is a question about an individual's eligibility, voters can proceed by casting a regular ballot.

Individuals may contact their county election officer to determine if their provisional ballot was counted and, if not, the reasoning.

HOW TO CAST A PROVISIONAL BALLOT

1. Before receiving a ballot, individuals must complete a new voter registration application form. This form will be attached to the provisional ballot envelope.
2. Individuals will then be allowed to complete their ballot. Provisional ballots are in the form of paper ballots, regardless of the type of voting equipment used in the county.
3. Once complete, the individual will place their ballot in the envelope, seal it and return the ballot to an election board worker.
4. The provisional ballot envelope will have the specific eligibility issue written on it. Two election board workers will sign the envelope and write the word "provisional" next to the individual's name in the poll book.
5. Envelopes containing provisional ballots are secured and placed with other provisional ballots.
6. Provisional ballots are not counted on election day. They are set aside for consideration by the board of county canvassers who certifies the election results for each respective county.

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