

# Rights

As a Kansas Elector, you have the right to:

- Ask questions
- Request a ballot if you are:
  - a United State citizen
  - 18 years or older
  - A Kansas resident
  - Registered to vote
- Vote a provisional ballot if your name is not on the voter registration list or if there is another question about your qualifications to vote
- Vote in an accessible voting place, and receive assistance if needed
- Review a sample ballot before voting
- Receive a ballot if you are in line at the time the polls close
- Obtain up to 2 replacement ballots if yours is mismarked or spoiled
- Occupy the voting booth for up to 5 minutes if others are waiting
- Have your ballot counted if it is cast legally and timely

## Statutes:

### **Leave allowance for employees to vote:**

25-418: Leave allowance for employees to vote; obstruction of voting privilege, penalty. Any person entitled to vote at an election conducted by a county election officer in this state shall, on the day of such election, be entitled to absent himself from any service or employment in which he is then engaged or employed for a period of not to exceed two (2) consecutive hours between the time of opening and closing of polls: Provided, That if the polls are open before commencing work or after terminating work but the period of time the polls are so open is less than two (2) consecutive hours, he shall only be entitled to absent himself from such service or employment for such a period of time which, when added to the period of time the polls are so open, will not exceed two hours; and such voter shall not because of so absenting himself be liable to any penalty, nor shall deductions be made, on account of such absence, from his usual salary or wages.

The employer may specify the particular time during the day which said employee may absent himself as aforesaid except such specified time shall not include any time during the regular lunch period.

Obstruction of voting privilege is (a) intentionally obstructing an employee in his or her exercise of voting privilege or (b) imposing a penalty upon an employee exercising his or her voting privilege under this section.

Obstruction of voting privilege is a class A misdemeanor.

**Permanent advance status:**

25-1122 (5) (h) Any person having a permanent disability or an illness that has been diagnosed as a permanent illness is hereby authorized to make an application for permanent advance voting status. Applications for permanent advance voting status shall be in the form and contain such information as is required for application for advance voting ballots and also shall contain information that establishes the voter's right to permanent advance voting status.

25-1122(5)(j) If a person on the permanent advance voting list fails to vote in four consecutive general elections held on the Tuesday succeeding the first Monday in November of each even-numbered and odd-numbered year, the county election officer may mail a notice to such voter. The notice shall inform the voter that the voter's name will be removed from the permanent advance voting list unless the voter renews the application for permanent advance voting status within 30 days after the notice is mailed. If the voter fails to renew such application, the county election officer shall remove the voter's name from the permanent advance voting list. Failure to renew the application for permanent advance voting status shall not result in removal of the voter's name from the voter registration list.

**Responsibilities**

As a Kansas elector, you have the responsibility to:

- Register to vote at least 21 days before the election
- Provide a photo ID before receiving your ballot
- Respect the privacy and voting rights of others
- Read and follow instructions

- Follow all federal and state voting laws
- Follow voting procedures established by the county election officer and precinct elections board workers
- Report illegal activities such as electioneering or denial of voting rights to the precinct election board, the county election officer or the secretary of state
- Review your ballot before casting it to ensure it is complete and correct
- Treat election workers and other voters with courtesy and respect
- Be informed about the candidates and issues on the ballot
- Keep your voter registration and address records current in the county election office