



ELECTING THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

Presidential elections occur every four years. The manner of selecting a president is different from how other candidates, such as members of Congress and state officials, are selected. Below is information about the selection of presidential candidates.

Becoming a Presidential Candidate:

A person can become a presidential candidate on Kansas' general election ballot in two ways: nomination by a political party's national convention, or as an independent candidate by filing a petition with the signatures of at least 5,000 Kansas voters.

Four sets of candidates will be on the Kansas general election ballot:

1. Kamala Harris / Tim Walz Certificate of Nomination by the National Democratic Party
2. Donald Trump / JD Vance Certificate of Nomination by the National Republican Party
3. Chase Oliver / Mike ter Maat Certificate of Nomination by the National Libertarian Party
4. Robert Kennedy, Jr., / Nicole Shanahan By Petition

*Other states may have different third party or independent candidates based on ballot access laws in those states.

Presidential Electors:

When a voter receives their ballot at the November general election, they will see that the names for the candidates for president/vice president are listed, along with the words "Electors for". The voters vote for the slate of Presidential Electors, they do not vote directly for the presidential and vice-presidential nominees. This is set out in the US Constitution, Art II, Sec I, cl 1, 4, and state law KSA 25-616, KSA 25-2505(a); KSA 25-801.

The three political parties and the one independent candidate submitted the names for their six Presidential Electors to the Kansas Secretary of State by the statutory deadline set out in KSA 25-

804(c). The number of electors assigned to each state is equal to the number of US Senators and US Representatives. The District of Columbia also receives three electors. There are a total of 538 Presidential Electors. A presidential candidate must receive 270 electoral votes to win.

Election Timeline:

Tuesday, November 5, 2024: General Election

By December 1, 2024: State Board of Canvassers meets to certify the state election results.

By December 11, 2024: The Governor issues seven Certificates of Ascertainment of Appointment of Electors, which lists the winning slate of Presidential Electors. One Certificate is immediately sent to the National Archivist.

Tuesday, December 17, 2024: The Presidential Electors meet in the state capitol at noon and cast separate votes for President and Vice-President on six Certificates of Vote. The six Certificates of Vote are paired with the remaining six Certificates of Ascertainment.

By December 25, 2024: The six electoral vote packets must be received by the President of the US Senate (1 set); the National Archivist (2 sets); the Kansas Secretary of State (2 sets); the Chief Judge of the US District Court of Kansas (1 set).

Monday, January 6, 2025: Congress meets in joint session and counts the electoral votes. The Vice President, as President of the Senate, presides over the count and announces the results and then declares which persons have been elected President and Vice President of the United States.

Monday, January 20, 2025: Inauguration Day