HOW TO: ADVANCE VOTE

Kansas allows voters to cast their ballots in several ways. For individuals who prefer to advance vote, they may do so by receiving an advance ballot or by in-person advance voting.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING
State law allows in-person advance voting, to begin up to 20 days before an election at county election offices or satellite voting locations. For the 2020 election, counties may begin in-person advancing voting on July 15 for the primary election and October 14 for the general election. All counties must offer in-person advance voting no later than July 28 for the primary election and October 27 for the general election. The deadline for in-person advance voting is noon on August 3, 2020 for the primary election and noon on November 2, 2020 for the general election. Voters are encouraged to contact their local election office to confirm advance voting dates and locations for their respective county.

ADVANCE MAIL BALLOT
Kansas allows all registered voters to vote in advance by mail. To get started, voters must complete an application for an advance ballot and include their driver’s license number or a copy of their photo identification. The deadline to submit advance voting applications to your county election official is July 28 for the 2020 primary election and October 27 for the 2020 general election. Ballots will be mailed to those who apply beginning July 15 for the 2020 primary election and October 14 for the 2020 general election. All ballots MUST be postmarked on or before election day and received in the county election office by the close of business on the Friday following the election.


VOTER IDENTIFICATION
State law requires Kansas voters to show photographic identification when casting a vote in person. Individuals who advance vote in-person at the county election office or at a satellite location must show photographic identification. If an advance voter does not provide identification, or if the information is not valid, the county election officer will issue a provisional ballot to the voter. The provisional ballot will not be considered valid until the voter submits their photographic identification to the county election office prior to the beginning of the county canvass.

The following documents may be used to meet photo ID requirements for voting:

- Driver’s license or ID card issued by Kansas or another state
- U.S. Passport
- U.S. Military ID
- ID card issued by a Native American tribe
- Employee badge or ID issued by a government office
- Student ID card from an accredited postsecondary education institution in Kansas
- Concealed carry license issued by Kansas or another state
- Public assistance ID card issued by a government office

Exemptions from photo ID requirements exist for: permanent advance voters (voters with illness or disabilities); military and overseas voters and their spouses and dependents; and voters with a religious objection who sign a Declaration of Religious Objection (Form DRO). Voters age 65 or older may use an expired photo ID.

Questions: call 1-800-262-8683 or visit sos.ks.gov.