

Kansas Administrative Regulations

Secretary of State

Article 23.—Voter Registration

7-23-14. Assessing documents submitted as evidence of United States citizenship.

(a) In assessing documents submitted as evidence of United States citizenship, each election officer shall consider the following factors: first name, middle name or initial, surname, date of birth, place of birth, and sex.

(1) The first name and the middle name or initial, if provided, shall be consistent with the information provided on the person's application for voter registration. Hyphenated names shall be permitted if not inconsistent with the information provided on the person's application for voter registration.

(2) If the name on the document is inconsistent with the applicant's name as it appears on the application for voter registration, the election officer shall perform the following:

(A) Ask the applicant for a second, government-issued document confirming the voter's current name;

(B) if the applicant is unable or unwilling to provide a second, government-issued document, allow the applicant to sign an affidavit pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309 and amendments thereto, stating the inconsistency related to the applicant's name and swearing under oath that, despite the inconsistency, the applicant is the individual reflected in the document provided as evidence of citizenship; and

(C) if the applicant is either unable or unwilling to provide a second, government-issued document and refuses to sign an affidavit, inform the applicant of the applicant's right to appeal to the state election board, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309 and amendments thereto.

(3) The date of birth indicated on the document submitted as evidence of United States citizenship shall match the date of birth provided on the application for voter registration. If the dates of birth are inconsistent, the election officer shall inform the

applicant of the applicant's right to appeal to the state election board, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309 and amendments thereto.

(4) If the place of birth is indicated on the document submitted as proof of United States citizenship, the place of birth may be used to assess the applicant's status as a United States citizen. If the document does not contain a place of birth, this fact shall not result in an unsatisfactory assessment.

(5) If the sex indicated on the document does not match the sex indicated on the application for the voter registration, the election officer shall perform the following:

(A) Ask the applicant for a second, government-issued document confirming the voter's sex;

(B) if the applicant is unable or unwilling to provide a second, government-issued document, allow the applicant to sign an affidavit pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309 and amendments thereto, stating the inconsistency related to the applicant's sex and swearing under oath that, despite the inconsistency, the applicant is the individual reflected in the document provided as evidence of citizenship; and

(C) if the applicant is unable or unwilling to provide a second, government-issued document and refuses to sign an affidavit, inform the applicant of the applicant's right to appeal to the state election board, pursuant to K.S.A. 25-2309 and amendments thereto.

(6) If a document submitted as evidence of United States citizenship contains an expiration date and this date has passed when the document is submitted for purposes of voter registration, the document shall nonetheless be considered in assessing qualifications to register to vote.

(b) If an applicant for voter registration fails to submit evidence of United States citizenship before the deadline to register to vote before an election, the applicant may submit a valid citizenship document by mail or personal delivery to the county election office by the close of business on the day before the election or a valid citizenship document by electronic means before midnight on the day before the election.

"Electronic means" shall include facsimile, electronic mail, and any other electronic means approved by the secretary of state. For each document received in accordance with this subsection, the county election officer shall perform the following:

(1) Accept and assess the citizenship document;

(2) add the applicant's name to the voter registration list as a registered voter; and

(3) if practicable, include the registrant's name in the poll book for the upcoming election. If poll books have already been printed, the county election officer shall, if practicable, communicate the registrant's name to the appropriate polling place with instructions to allow the registrant to vote a regular ballot. If the registrant's name is not communicated to the election board at the appropriate polling place by the county election officer before the opening of the polls on election day, the registrant shall be allowed to cast a provisional ballot. If any applicant to whom this subsection applies fails to submit satisfactory evidence of United States citizenship in accordance with this subsection and the applicant casts a provisional ballot, the ballot shall not be counted.

(c) A registered voter who has previously provided sufficient evidence of United States citizenship with a voter registration application in this state shall not be required to resubmit evidence of United States citizenship with any subsequent voter registration application.

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