

## Pending Legislation – “Village Votes”

The Village Church Social Justice Ministry Committee encourages you to consider the following legislation recently approved by the Kansas House and Senate Committees and sent to the other house on so called “Turnaround Day” Feb. 23, 2024. If you believe that the proposed laws might hinder rather than enhance the goal of free and fair elections in Kansas, we encourage you to contact your senators and representatives.

In this election season, proposed laws related to voting are particularly important and our “elected officials” need to hear from you!

### HOUSE BILLS

HB 2504	Requiring that only paper ballots be reviewed when conducting election audits.
HB 2512	Would eliminate early voting on the Monday before an election. Four hours of voting would instead be offered on Saturday. After Jan. 1, 2025, in-person advance voting shall end at 7 p.m. on the Sunday prior to an election.
HB 2513	Would change the time for transmittal and return of advance ballots. Ballots would have to be returned on the day of the election.
HB 2516	Independent candidates must have 25,000 signatures statewide to qualify for placement on the ballot. Signatures will have to declare a political party.
HB 2446	Would require identification if casting someone else's ballot.
HB 2571	Would require that advance voting ballots deposited in a remote ballot box be considered provisional ballots until verified by the county election office.
HB 2572	Would impose personal delivery restrictions on individuals delivering advance vote ballots on behalf of other voters.
HB 2618	Would establish criminal penalty for impersonating an election officer. Effect would be to dampen registration efforts of League of Women Voters and other groups.

### SENATE BILLS

SB 209	Would require all advance voting ballots be returned by 7 p.m. on election day.
SB 344	Would require that a voter identification form be attached with the return of an advance ballot.
SB 366	Would prohibit counties from sending applications for advance ballots to registered voters unless specifically requested. These applications must be filled out and sent into county election offices within a certain period to receive a mail-in ballot.

### 2024 Kansas Legislative Deadlines and Schedule

March 29	Turnaround Day (last day for non-exempt bills to be considered in chamber where introduced)
April 29	Veto Session
May 2024	Adjourn