

SENATE BILL No. 165

By Senator Corson

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1 AN ACT concerning elections; relating to election commissioners;
2 eliminating the residency requirement; amending K.S.A. 19-3419 and
3 repealing the existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 19-3419 is hereby amended to read as follows: 19-
7 3419. In counties of this state having a population exceeding 130,000,
8 there shall be an office of commissioner of elections, which shall be
9 administered by an election commissioner. The election commissioner
10 shall be appointed by the secretary of state and shall hold office for a term
11 of four years and until a successor is appointed and qualified. The
12 secretary of state may remove the election commissioner for official
13 misconduct. Upon occurrence of a vacancy in the office of county election
14 commissioner, the secretary of state shall appoint a successor. If the
15 vacancy occurs before the expiration of a term of office, the appointment
16 shall be for the unexpired term. ~~Such election commissioner shall have
17 been a qualified elector and a resident of the county at least two years prior
18 to appointment.~~ Within 10 days after receiving official notice of the
19 appointment and before entering upon the duties of the office, the election
20 commissioner shall take, subscribe and cause to be filed in the office of the
21 secretary of state an oath of office for the faithful discharge of official
22 duties.

23 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 19-3419 is hereby repealed.

24 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
25 publication in the statute book.