

SENATE BILL No. 131

By Committee on Elections and Local Government

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9 AN ACT concerning authorized poll agents; pertaining to the time of
10 authorization; amending K.S.A. 25-3005a and repealing the existing
11 section.

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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 25-3005a is hereby amended to read as follows: 25-
15 3005a. (a) As used in this act “authorized poll agent” means any one of
16 the following persons:

- 17 (1) Chairperson of county party committee;
- 18 (2) chairpersons of committees concerned with question submitted
19 elections;
- 20 (3) chairperson of state party committee;
- 21 (4) any candidate;
- 22 (5) any precinct committeeman or precinct committeewoman;
- 23 (6) any write-in candidate who has filed an affidavit of write-in pur-
24 suant to K.S.A. 25-305, and amendments thereto;
- 25 (7) any person appointed as provided in this section by any of the
26 persons specified in this subsection.

27 (b) Every person appointed to be an authorized poll agent under
28 authority of this act shall be so appointed in writing by the person making
29 such appointment. *No person shall be appointed to be an authorized poll*
30 *agent after 12:00 noon on the Friday preceding the election.* Such written
31 appointment shall be carried by the authorized poll agent at all times such
32 person is acting as such agent and shall be displayed upon demand of any
33 member of any election board or any other election officer. Every ap-
34 pointment of an authorized poll agent shall be made in such form as is
35 approved by the secretary of state. The number of authorized poll agents
36 in each voting place at any one time appointed by any of the following
37 shall be limited to the number indicated:

- 38 (1) State and county chairpersons, one;
- 39 (2) candidates, not to exceed one each;
- 40 (3) precinct committeemen and committeewomen, one each;
- 41 (4) the chairperson of each committee or organization concerned
42 with any election on a question submitted, one each;
- 43 (5) write-in candidates who have filed an affidavit or write-in pursuant

- 1 to K.S.A. 25-305, and amendments thereto, one each.
- 2 (c) When any candidate or any precinct committeeman or precinct
3 committeewoman is acting as an authorized poll agent, such person shall
4 carry identification which shall be supplied by the county election officer.
5 Such identification shall indicate the authority by which such person is
6 an authorized poll agent, and the same shall be in such form as is approved
7 by the secretary of state. Whenever an authorized poll agent is required
8 to carry identification under the provisions of this subsection such agent
9 shall display the same upon demand of any member of any election board
10 or any other election officer.
- 11 (d) The provisions of this section shall apply to all elections.
- 12 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 25-3005a is hereby repealed.
- 13 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
14 publication in the statute book.