

Recorded vote of members of the Senate on SB 365: AN ACT concerning elections; relating to ballots; requiring the return of advance voting ballots by 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election; requiring the hand counting of ballots; prohibiting the use of electronic or electromechanical voting systems and electronic poll books; providing for the public reporting of vote counts during vote canvassing.



SB 365: Advance ballots would have to be returned to the election office by 7:00 pm on election day. All ballots must be hand counted. No electronic ballots would be allowed.

802 Position: Opposed. The United States Postal Service has become so unreliable, it is not realistic to expect advanced ballots to be returned by 7:00 pm on election day. The current window of three days after the election is appropriate for the ballots to be returned to the election office. Hand counting ballots are susceptible to human error. Requiring the use of only paper ballots will increase the workload of the election office and board and possible increasing the cost of elections.

The bill did not pass the Senate.

SB 365	District	Hometown	Yes	No	Absent
Alley	32	Winfield		X	
Baumgardner	37	Louisburg	X		
Billinger	40	Goodland	X		
Blasi	27	Wichita	X		
Bowers	36	Concordia		X	
Claeys	24	Salina	X		
Corson	7	Prairie Village		X	
Dietrich	20	Topeka		X	
Doll	39	Garden City		X	
Erickson	30	Wichita	X		
Fagg	14	El Dorado	X		
Faust-Goudeau	29	Wichita		X	
Francisco	2	Lawrence		X	
Gossage	9	Eudora		X	
Haley	4	Kansas City		X	
Holland	3	Baldwin City		X	
Holscher	8	Overland Park	X	X	
Kerschen	26	Garden Plain			
Kloos	19	Berryton	X		
Longbine	17	Emporia		X	
Masterson	16	Andover	X		
McGinn	31	Sedgwick		X	
O'Shea	18	Topeka		X	
Olson	23	Olathe	X		
Peck	15	Havana	X		
Petersen	28	Wichita	X		
Petty	6	Kansas City		X	
Pittman	5	Leavenworth		X	
Pyle	1	Hiawatha	X		
Reddi	22	Manhattan		X	
Ryckman	38	Meade		X	
Shallenburger	13	Baxter Springs	X		
Steffen	34	Hutchinson	X		
Straub	33	Ellinwood	X		
Sykes	21	Lenexa		X	
Thompson	10	Shawnee	X		
Tyson	12	Parker	X		
Ware	25	Wichita		X	
Warren	11	Leawood		X	
Wilborn	35	McPherson		X	