

20-120. Same; selection of member from each congressional district. The members of the supreme court nominating commission to be chosen from among the members of the bar of each congressional district shall be selected in the following manner: The clerk of the supreme court, in March of any year in which a member of the commission is to be elected by members of the bar, shall send by ordinary first-class mail to all members of the bar eligible to vote for the member to be elected a notice that such election is to be held and advising how nominations for such office may be made. Any member or group of members of the bar resident of the congressional district and licensed to practice law in Kansas may, on or before April 1, file in writing by mail or otherwise in the office of the clerk of the supreme court, a nomination accompanied by the written consent of the nominee, of a qualified individual who resides in the same congressional district, as member of the commission from that district. After the nominations have been made the clerk, on or before May 1, shall send by ordinary first class United States mail to each of the members of the bar who are residents of the congressional district and licensed to practice law in Kansas, a list of all the names and places of residence of the qualified nominees for that district, together with a ballot in such form as the clerk may prescribe, for voting upon such nominees.

Each member of the bar receiving such ballot may cast one vote thereon for one of the district nominees named and shall return the ballot by mail in time to be received at the office of the clerk on or before May 15. All ballots received at the office of the clerk by such date shall be counted by congressional districts and the nominee in each district receiving the greatest number of votes cast in the district shall be a member of the commission from that district, except that if in any district there are more than two nominees and no one of them receives a majority of the votes cast in the district, the names of the two receiving the greatest number of votes shall be resubmitted in the district for vote by ballot in like manner as is prescribed for the first ballot. Such second ballot to be mailed on or before June 15 and returned in time so as to be received at the office of the clerk on or before July 1.

History: L. 1959, ch. 158, § 2; L. 2003, ch. 99, § 2; July 1.