

22a-102. Election of district attorneys; eligibility for nomination; filing fee or declaration of intent, deadlines. No person shall be eligible for nomination to the office of district attorney unless such person shall have been regularly admitted to practice law in the state of Kansas for five years next preceding his nomination for such office. An attorney who shall have been a county attorney, assistant county attorney or assistant district attorney for the three years immediately preceding nomination as district attorney shall be eligible for nomination. A person so qualified may become a candidate for election to the office of district attorney by either one of the following methods:

(a) Any person who is a qualified elector of any judicial district in which a district attorney is to be elected and who is otherwise qualified under this act may petition to be a candidate for district attorney of such judicial district by filing in the office of the secretary of state a petition for candidacy, signed by not less than 5% of the qualified electors of such judicial district who voted for the office of secretary of state at the last preceding general election; or

(b) Any person who is a qualified elector of any judicial district in which a district attorney is to be elected and who is otherwise qualified under this act may become a candidate for district attorney of such judicial district by filing in the office of the secretary of state a declaration of intent to be such a candidate and payment therewith of a filing fee in an amount equal to 1% of the annual salary for such office.

(c) Any such petition or declaration of intent filed by a candidate to run in the primary election held in accordance with K.S.A. 25-203, and amendments thereto, shall be filed no later than 12:00 noon, June 10, prior to such primary election, or if such date falls on Saturday, Sunday or a holiday, then before 12:00 noon of the next following day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday. Any such petition or declaration of intent filed by an independent candidate for the office of district attorney shall be filed no later than 12:00 noon on the Monday preceding the date fixed for the holding of primary elections in accordance with K.S.A. 25-203, and amendments thereto. All laws applicable to the election of other state officers shall apply to elections of district attorneys to the extent the same are not in conflict with this act.

History: L. 1972, ch. 71, § 2; L. 1997, ch. 124, § 8; July 1.