



Primary 2022

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The next Kansas election is coming up quickly, on August 2, and nearly 70% of voters will sit it out. This isn't surprising, or a problem specific to our community, because local elections can be hard to find information about!

But this August 2 election is a big one! All voters, including Unaffiliated and Independent voters, will have an opportunity to vote on proposed changes to the Kansas constitution. Many voters also will choose their parties' candidates for the November election.

Optional: *The proposed amendment on the August 2 ballot will impact reproductive healthcare in Kansas. The state constitution currently protects a woman's right to make personal health decisions, including about abortion.*

A NO vote would keep those rights in the Kansas constitution. A YES vote would remove those rights.

These races often see pretty low voter turnout, but are really important for determining the direction our community will take.

Because this is a tricky election to remember, and a lot of us are traveling in the summer, we would recommend you vote by mail, which has never been easier. First, check to make sure your voter registration is up to date at [KSVotes.org](https://www.ksvotes.org). At that same website, you can now request both your primary and general ballot be mailed to you by filling out a simple form, no printer required! **The voter registration deadline for the primary is July 12 and if you want to vote by mail you must submit the online application ASAP.** If you turn in an application, the election office will mail your ballot to you, which you can fill out at home and mail back in.

Early voting in person will open across the state beginning **July 13**, and many counties even offer Saturday voting options before the election. You can find those locations, hours of operation, and even set up a calendar reminder to vote at [KSBallot.org](https://www.ksballet.org). At this same website you'll also find information about the candidates and issues that will be on your ballot. This is a nonpartisan tool

from our friends at The Voter Network. We'd also recommend [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org), hosted by the League of Women Voters.

If you decide to wait until August 2 to vote, you can find your polling location at [KSBallot.org](https://www.ksballet.org). All polling locations are open by 7 a.m. (in Sedgwick County they open at 6 a.m.!) and are open until 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions as we move through this election season, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by emailing contact@thevoternetwork.org. No question is silly. We mean it. Happy voting!