

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL QUESTION ELECTION
ELLIS COUNTY, KANSAS**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Ellis County, Kansas (the “County”) that a special question election has been called and will be held on April 7, 2020, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the County the following propositions:

Proposition 1:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Ellis County, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) countywide retailers' sales tax (the “Health Services Sales Tax”) for the purpose of financing the provision of health care services, including but not limited to costs of the local health department, mental health services, health education and emergency medical services, and costs related thereto, collection of such Health Services Sales Tax to commence on October 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate 10 years after its commencement, all pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended?

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the word “YES” on the paper ballot. To vote against it, completely darken the oval to the left of the word “NO” on the paper ballot.

YES
 NO

Proposition 2:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Ellis County, Kansas, be authorized to impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) countywide retailers' sales tax (the “General Sales Tax”) for the purpose of financing the provision of general government services, including but not limited to repairs to roads and bridges, replacement of equipment and addition of staff, and costs related thereto, collection of such General Sales Tax to commence on October 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate 10 years after its commencement, all pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-187 *et seq.*, as amended?

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, completely darken the oval to the left of the word “YES” on the paper ballot. To vote against it, completely darken the oval to the left of the word “NO” on the paper ballot.

YES

NO

This election will be conducted in accordance with K.S.A. 25-431 *et seq.* (the “Mail Ballot Election Act”). The County Clerk shall conduct the election by mailing an official ballot to each qualified elector in the County registered at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of election, not sooner than the 20th day before the date of the election and not later than the 10th day before the election. The County Clerk anticipates mailing ballots for this election to all qualified voters on or about _____, 2020. Instructions on how to mark the ballot to vote either for or against the propositions submitted thereon will accompany the ballots, together with a stamped, addressed return identification envelope in which the marked ballot must be placed.

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EACH QUALIFIED VOTER TO NOTE THAT YOUR BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED UNLESS YOU TAKE THE APPROPRIATE STEPS:

(1) You must personally sign and place your correct address on the return identification envelope;

(2) If you choose to mail your ballot, you must put it in the identification envelope and place it in the United States mail early enough so that it will be received by the County Clerk not later than April 7, 2020; and

(3) If you elect not to mail your ballot, you must PERSONALLY deliver it in the return identification envelope to the office of the County Clerk whose address is: 718 Main Street, Hays, Kansas 67601, at any time during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, but before 12:00 Noon on April 7, 2020.

If the ballot of a qualified elector is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received in the mail by the qualified elector, or if an elector registers within thirty (30) days of the election, a ballot or replacement ballot may be obtained from the County Clerk. Persons qualified to receive a replacement ballot may do so by signing an application prepared by the County Clerk and submitting the application by mail or in person at the office of the County Clerk, at the above address.

The authority to conduct this election called by the County under the provisions of the Mail Ballot Election Act does not authorize the use of voting machines or written ballots located at the usual polling places for the County. Consequently, all qualified electors of the County are hereby notified that no polling places will be open during the election, and all ballots must be cast in the manner specified herein and in accordance with the voting instructions which will be sent to all qualified electors with the official mail ballot.

Telephone inquiries from qualified electors having additional questions about the procedure to follow in order to vote in this election may be made by calling (785) 628-9410.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

General

The following additional information is provided by the County with respect to the effect of these ballot propositions. Passage of these ballot propositions would authorize the County to: (1) impose a one-

quarter percent (0.25%) countywide retailers' sales tax (the "Health Services Sales Tax"), the proceeds of which would provide an additional source of revenue to finance the cost of operating health care services, collection of such Health Services Sales Tax to commence on October 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate 10 years after its commencement, and such Health Services Sales Tax proceeds would be retained by the County pursuant to K.S.A. 12-192(d)(2); and (2) impose a one-quarter percent (0.25%) countywide retailers' sales tax (the "General Sales Tax"), the proceeds of which would provide an additional source of revenue to finance the cost of operating general government services, collection of such General Sales Tax to commence on October 1, 2020, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law, and to terminate 10 years after its commencement, and such General Sales Tax proceeds would be shared by the County and incorporated cities pursuant to K.S.A. 12-192(a).

If both propositions pass, the aggregate amount of countywide retailers' sales taxes levied by the County beginning October 1, 2020, would equal 0.50%.

ELECTION INFORMATION

The election officer conducting the election will be the County Clerk of Ellis County, Kansas, whose address is: 718 Main Street, P.O. Box 720, Hays, Kansas 67601.

DATED: September 16, 2019.

Donna J. Maskus, County Clerk
Ellis County, Kansas