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### KS House Approves Variety of Election Changes

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) - The Kansas House has approved a measure that would move local elections to the fall in odd-numbered years.

The chamber voted 64-58 Thursday to send the bill to the governor.

Supporters say the move would boost voter turnout because people are used to voting in the fall. Critics say it would force elected school board members to take office in the middle of fiscal years, which could disrupt the budgeting process.

The measure also would cancel the state's presidential primaries. Legislators have canceled the past five primaries because of their cost, opting for caucuses funded by the Republican and Democratic parties.

The bill also would bar general election candidates from dropping out of a race unless experiencing "severe medical hardship."

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