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The current voting ID law of 2011 - Comment by the League of Women Voters on the rules and regulations for Sec. Kobach.

1. The "free" photo ID requires a birth certificate which costs \$15 minimum (more if ordered online). Therefore, the birth certificate CONSTITUTES A POLL TAX.

2. WHAT IS MORE, to get a birth certificate, a person must show a photo ID. To get a photo ID, one must show a birth certificate. CATCH 22!

3. THE DMV IS NOT PREPARED with the proper affidavit cited in the rules to provide the free photo ID for voting. When 10 people known to us attempted to get the free photo ID, in Sedgwick Co. the workers at the DMV did not know what the voters were asking for. While very polite, they looked like deer in the headlights. This was on January 10, 2012.

4. In western Kansas the DMV of 8 counties were called at random during the first two weeks of January 2012 and NONE KNEW WHAT WAS BEING ASKED WHEN WE ASKED ABOUT THE REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO PROVIDE A FREE PHOTO ID FOR VOTING. One election clerk (notified by the DMV office) called the League back two days later having investigated and found that their county was suppose to issue it but they were not ready yet. She assured us that they were getting ready.

5, When the western Kansas January 2012 election in the small city was discussed as having no difficulties, no research by the Secretary of State's office was done to find if any voters had turned back on their own when they arrived at the poll and they saw that they would require a photo ID; a sign in front of the poll and a radio announcement do not constitute voter education.

6. There has been no state wide voter education done by ANY Kansas department, not the Secretary of State nor the Department of Motor Vehicles. Georgia spent over one million dollars in the first year; other states have all spent over that on informing the voters of the change.

7. The state of Georgia was sent back to the drawing board three times for inadequate voter education plans. Does Kansas want to risk that?

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