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To: Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections, Hon. Terrie Huntington, Chair
From: Thomas Witt, Executive Director, Kansas Equality Coalition
Re: Bill introduction request
Date: February 1, 2012

The League of Women Voters of Kansas and Kansas Equality Coalition respectfully request the introduction of a bill that will require the State of Kansas, and all election offices in the state of Kansas, to engage in an election worker education program designed to instruct all election office workers, poll workers, and others responsible for implementing and enforcing the state's voter identification and voter registration laws. Such program shall be in place prior to the August 7, 2012 primary election.

We ask that this program be standardized statewide, and include comprehensive training on all statutes and regulations workers are expected to implement and enforce. The program should include objective means of testing and evaluating workers' knowledge of statutes, regulations, policies and procedures. Those workers who cannot demonstrate sufficient understanding of the laws should either be retrained prior to assuming their duties, or removed from working in elections.

Furthermore, all training materials, tests, and evaluations should be considered public records, and available for examination prior to any election.

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