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STATE OF KANSAS
Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

Testimony on House Bill 2437

Secretary of State Kris W. Kobach

March 15, 2012

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 2437. I proposed this bill to move the effective date of the requirement to provide evidence of United States citizenship from January 1, 2013 to June 15, 2012. Because of changes in the Division of Motor Vehicles' modernization project schedule, we are now requesting this committee to approve the bill with an amendment that creates a "soft assessment period" between June 15, 2012 and December 31, 2012. Passage of this bill will put all of the protections of the 2011 Secure and Fair Elections Act (S.A.F.E.) into place before the bulk of the anticipated voter registration activity this year.

Under S.A.F.E. as it was amended last year, voters are required to provide photo identification when voting in the 2012 elections, but the proof of U.S. citizenship requirement for registration was delayed until January 1, 2013 after the 2012 presidential election.

H.B. 2437 would move the implementation date forward by six months. Currently, the law is set to go into effect roughly two months after the Presidential election this November. As I have already presented to this committee, there have been reports of voter fraud in Kansas in the past. The 2010 Election was no different. There were 41 additional reports of voter fraud. The total number of cases since 1997 is now 235, as the attached chart indicates.

Even more importantly, for the purpose of the proof of citizenship requirement, my office discovered 32 aliens who were registered to vote in Kansas last year. This number only includes lawfully present aliens who applied for driver's licenses. When the total number of illegal aliens who did not apply for a driver's license is calculated, this number could be much higher. Unlike legally present non-US Citizens who obtain temporary driver's licenses, there is no list of illegal aliens to compare with our voter records. Therefore, any illegal alien that registers to vote before the implementation date will likely go undetected and remain on the Kansas voter rolls for years.

A few examples of aliens registering to vote illustrate how significant this problem can be. In 1997, a ballot issue was before voters concerning whether to allow a particular type of hog farming operation in Seward County. A few weeks before the election, a bus full of individuals believed to be aliens rolled up to the county clerk's office, where they were unloaded and told to register to vote. The clerk realized what was happening, but she was powerless to stop it. Under Kansas law at the time, the clerk had to allow them to register as long as they filled out and signed a voter registration card.

Another incident happened in 2010, just across the state line. In the 2010 state representative race in Kansas City, Mo., between J.J. Rizzo and Will Royster, the election was allegedly stolen when Rizzo received approximately 50 votes illegally cast by citizens of Somalia. According to eyewitnesses, the Somalis, who didn't speak English, were coached to vote in his favor by an "interpreter" at the polling place. The margin of victory? One vote.

To vote in Kansas, a person must be a U.S. Citizen. The S.A.F.E. Act passed with broad bipartisan support in Kansas. There is no reason to delay requirements which were supported by such a broad majority. The state must have anti-fraud measures in place as quickly as possible. In fact, delay causes more problems. Of the 32 matches we discovered last year, there are still 27 currently on our voter rolls. For legal reasons, it is incredibly difficult to remove individuals from the voter rolls, even if they are not legally qualified to vote. Moving the implementation date forward will protect our voter rolls and avoid the difficult and time intensive process of trying to remove these individuals in the future.

Every four years, there is a surge of new voter registrations in the months before a presidential election. For example, approximately 149,000 people registered to vote in Kansas in the four months before the November 2008 presidential election. A significant portion came from Motor Vehicles offices. In contrast, an average of only approximately 6,200 voters registered each month in 2011.

A similar wave of new registrations is about to begin this fall in the run-up to the presidential election of 2012. The reason we need the proof of citizenship protection in place beforehand is that it is extremely difficult to find and remove the aliens on our voter rolls once they get on. Yet it is very easy to stop them from registering in the first place if the SAFE Act protections are in place. If we are serious about protecting the integrity of our voter rolls, we need to act now, before the wave of new voter registrations hits.

Additionally, a statewide voter education media campaign is already educating voters about the photo ID requirement that became effective January 1, 2012. My office is currently developing proof of citizenship educational materials. These materials will be distributed publically just before the effective date so citizens who register thereafter will know what documents to present at voter registration. Educating voters about the voter ID requirement and proof of citizenship requirement at the same time will minimize any confusion.

During 2012, there will be more than 165 elected positions on the ballot. Each candidate running for one of these positions is a stake holder in educating the public about this law. The incentive for these candidates to partner with my office to educate the public decreases dramatically after the November elections. Moving the date forward will ensure that candidates help educate Kansans about the proof of citizenship requirement as well as the photographic identification requirement.

Finally, I would like to explain my proposed amendment to H.B. 2437. The Division of Motor Vehicles believes that by August 1 it can confidentially and securely share driver's license proof of identity documentation with election officials who verify proof of citizenship for voting. Our proposed amendment makes the actual starting date of the final improvements to the DMV computer system irrelevant.

The amendment we propose creates a six month period whereby receipt of the proof of citizenship document by the DMV is good enough to satisfy the voting law. Transfer of the

document to the secretary of state or a county election officer need not occur immediately. Under our amendment, DMV's receipt of the document will be enough to satisfy Kansas voting law requirements in 2012. Only after January 1, 2013, will it be necessary for DMV to transmit the document to the county election officers or the secretary of state's office. The DMV can implement this proposal immediately, since they are already receiving documents and scanning them into the system.

Our amendment will also provide a period whereby county election officers and voter applicants can become familiar with the law before the "hard assessment" of citizenship documents by county election officers begins in 2013. The amendment also allows us to educate voters during an election cycle when they are more inclined to listen to our education advertisements on radio and TV.

I have also attached a letter from Secretary Jordan indicating that this will work from their perspective. As you know, DMV is already collecting proof of citizenship documents – the technical issues that we are waiting on DMV to solve involve transmission of those documents to the voter database (which will now be unnecessary until 2013).

I urge the committee to amend House Bill 2437 as I proposed, to recommend favorably for passage, and to avoid unnecessary delays in ensuring that only United States citizens are registered to vote in Kansas.



STATE OF KANSAS

Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections Instances of Voter Registration by Non-U.S. Citizens

March 15, 2012

In 2011, the Secretary of State's office compared voter registration records to driver's license records and discovered 32 aliens registered to vote in Kansas. We are providing a summary of the information to the committee for its consideration.

1. The records indicate that of the 32 such individuals, five are no longer registered to vote. One was removed for a felony conviction, three moved out of the county, and one was removed based on information provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

2. Of the 32 individuals, two registered in 1998; one in 2002; 11 in 2008; three in 2009; and 13 in 2010. Of the remaining two, one registered in 1994 and one in 2000.

3. Fifteen of the individuals registered to vote through motor vehicle procedures during or after 2007. We are unable to determine which individuals registered in person and which used the online process.

4. Each applicant for voter registration must check a box indicating whether he/she is a U.S. citizen and must sign a statement saying that he/she possesses the qualifications of an elector, including U.S. citizenship. The signature indicates that the person knew he/she was applying for registration. Each applicant subsequently receives a mailed notice from the appropriate county election officer informing the applicant of the disposition of the application.

5. The individuals were registered to vote in the following counties: 1 in Barton, 1 in Cloud, 1 in Crawford, 1 in Ellis, 1 in Finney, 1 in Ford, 5 in Johnson, 1 in Kearny, 1 in Leavenworth, 3 in Lyon, 3 in Riley, 6 in Sedgwick, 1 in Seward, 1 in Shawnee, 1 in Thomas, and 4 in Wyandotte.



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March 14, 2012

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Dear Secretary Kobach:

In response to your inquiry, I write to confirm that, in 2011, the Department of Revenue's Division of Vehicles completed the statewide rollout of photo-first technology, which allows us to electronically capture proof of identity documents and more effectively verify lawful presence for driver's licenses as required by law. For first-time Kansas driver's licenses, we are now capturing images of drivers' birth certificates and other proof of identity documents, and we will continue to do so in the future.

We also are in the process of integrating the photo-first technology into the state's larger DMV modernization project, which we anticipate implementing this summer. We estimate that August 1, 2012, is the date by which we will have implemented both phases of the new voter vehicle system and be able to confidentially and securely transmit images of proof of citizenship documents to election officials who verify proof of citizenship for voting.

We understand that, in light of the August implementation date, you are now proposing a "soft" assessment of citizenship documents from June 15, 2012-December 31, 2012, under which we will provide your office with regular lists of new licensees who have provided proof of identity documents to the Division of Vehicles for the purposes of obtaining driver's licenses. You could then use these lists as you wish to register voters under the Secure and Fair Elections Act.

As soon as the technological capability is in place, we also will provide electronic copies of the documents themselves. The documents collected during this timeframe would be transferred to election officials no later than December 31, as requested. Our system is already receiving such documents; the work being done now will integrate those documents into the new motor vehicle system for our purposes, as well as facilitating the transfer of them to election officials.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Jordan', written over a horizontal line.

Nick Jordan
Secretary of Revenue

OFFICE OF THE KANSAS SECRETARY OF STATE
KNOWN REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ELECTION CRIMES, 1997 - 2012

March 15, 2012

YEAR	JURISDICTION	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	CRIMES ALLEGED	NUMBER OF CASES	ACTIONS TAKEN
2010	BARTON	Person voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Evidence collected
2002	BOURBON	Ballots returned for advance voters with non-matching signatures.	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	Multiple	Unknown
1998	BOURBON	Mother voted for her son, forged signature	Perjury, forgery	1	Unknown
1998	BOURBON	Nursing home supervisor voted for other persons without their consent	Perjury, forgery	Multiple	Unknown
2006	BUTLER	Person voted twice	Double vote	1	Referred to county attorney
2002	CHEYENNE	Person voted in Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Investigated by FBI, not pursued
		Electioneering near an advance voting location	Electioneering	1	Convicted of 2 counts of Class B misdemeanors by state of KS
2004	CLARK	Nursing home residents' ballots voted by adult children	Perjury, forgery	Multiple	Unknown
2004	DECATUR	Voters incapable of voting but ballots voted anyway	Perjury, forgery	4	Ballots challenged
Multiple	DECATUR	Ballots voted by wife, nephew, social worker of nursing home residents	Perjury, forgery	Multiple	Ballots challenged
2004	DOUGLAS	Party voter registration drive screened applications and did not deliver some	Voter registration suppression	Multiple	D.A. investigation
Multiple	ELLIS	Multiple ballots challenged each election due to nonmatching signatures	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	6	Ballots challenged
2008	FINNEY	Non US citizen registered and voted	Perjury, voting without being qualified	1	Prosecuted by county attorney, resulted in diversion
2010	FINNEY	Person voted in both Kansas and Oklahoma	Double vote	1	Referred to county attorney, investigated
2010	FORD	Person voted in both Kansas and Iowa	Double vote	1	Referred to county attorney
2010	HAMILTON	Person voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Evidence collected

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2008	HARVEY	Person double voted three times in both HV and LY in 2006, 2008	Double vote	1	Referred to county attorney, not pursued
Multiple	JOHNSON	Advance ballots challenged every election due to nonmatching signatures	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	Multiple	Ballots challenged
Multiple	JOHNSON	Multiple examples of questionable ballots	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	Multiple	Ballots challenged
2008	JOHNSON	Person voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Evidence collected
2010	JOHNSON	Voter registered at MO bar, voted in KS in 2006, 2008, 2010	Perjury, voting without being qualified	1	Referred to D.A.
2010	JOHNSON	Voter received advance ballot for which he did not apply. Another person filed application.	Perjury	1	No action taken
2010	JOHNSON	Persons voted advance in person, then voted at polls on election day	Double vote	3	Referred to D.A.
2008	JOHNSON	Non US citizen registered, voted in 2008	Perjury, voting without being qualified	1	No action taken
2008	JOHNSON	Person registered to vote in JO, WY same day and attempted to vote in both	Double vote	1	Provisional ballot, not counted
2008	JOHNSON	Registration applications received with KS address, MO zip codes	Perjury	20	No action taken
2008	JOHNSON	Person not registered, found another person's address on poll book, used that address to register and vote	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	1	Referred to D.A.
2010	JOHNSON	Persons voted in both Kansas and Arkansas	Double votes	2	Referred to D.A.
2010	JOHNSON	Person voted in both Kansas and Iowa	Double vote	1	Referred to D.A.
2012	JOHNSON	Person voted twice in mail ballot election	Double vote	1	Referred to D.A.
2004	KANSAS CITY	Persons voted in Missouri and Kansas	Double vote	3	Prosecuted by US Attorney, pled guilty to misdemeanor, convicted by federal government
2008	LYON	Non US citizen registered to vote	Perjury	1	Referred to county attorney, not pursued
2010	MARSHALL	Person voted in both Kansas and Nebraska	Double vote	1	Referred to county attorney, under investigation

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2008	MONTGOMERY	Persons voted in KS and AZ	Double votes	2	Convicted by federal government of Title 18 U.S.C. 242, Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law
2004	NEMAHA	Person voted in both Nemaha and Shawnee counties	Double vote	1	Convicted of misdemeanor by state of KS
2010	OSAGE	Person under felony sentence registered to vote	Perjury	1	Referred to law enforcement, no charges
2002	OSAGE	Nursing home assistance when voter not aware	Perjury, forgery	1	No action taken
2006	POTTAWATOMIE	Multiple advance ballots mailed to apartments where voters did not live, ballots were voted	Perjury, forgery	7	Referred to law enforcement, not pursued
2006	POTTAWATOMIE	Advance ballot voted by voter who no longer resided in KS, but in France	Perjury, forgery	1	Referred to law enforcement, not pursued
2010	RILEY	Persons voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	2	Provisional ballots not counted
Multiple	SEDGWICK	Ballot applications signed by parent, spouse or relative	Perjury	Multiple	Provisional ballot not counted
2006	SEDGWICK	Parent voted for college student by power of attorney	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	1	counted
2006	SEDGWICK	Candidates and poll watchers intimidated voters by asking voters who they were and who they voted for	Voter intimidation	Multiple	No action taken
2010	SEDGWICK	Non U.S. citizen registered, voted in 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008	Perjury, voting without being qualified	1	Dept. of Homeland Security contacted county election office. Not pursued.
2009	SEDGWICK	Non US citizens registered; 1 voted	Perjury, voting without being qualified	8	Referred to D.A.
2009	SEDGWICK	Non-matching signature on an advance ballot envelope	Perjury, forgery	1	Provisional ballot not counted
2006	SEDGWICK	Intimidation of poll workers	Disorderly election conduct	Multiple	Referred to law enforcement
2006	SEDGWICK	Candidate paid \$50-\$75 to deliver 20 votes each	Election bribery	Multiple	No action taken

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2006	SEDGWICK	Electioneering by a candidate at a polling place	Electioneering	1	Referred to D.A.
2010	SEDGWICK	Person voted in both Kansas and Louisiana	Double vote	1	Referred to D.A.
2011	SEWARD	Non U.S. citizen registered to vote Employer bused employees, including alleged non-citizens, to register to vote at election office	Perjury	1	Registration canceled
1997	SEWARD	Advance ballots picked up and delivered to a campaign P. O. Box and never delivered to election office	Perjury	Multiple	No action taken
2005	SHAWNEE	Campaign workers picked up voted ballots, did not deliver to election office	Advance voting suppression	Multiple	No action taken
2005	SHAWNEE	Tyler Towers, Jackson Towers, Polk Plaza voted ballots picked up but not delivered	Advance voting suppression	4	Referred to law enforcement, not pursued
2005	SHAWNEE	Ballots taken to dark room and flashlight used to see how they were voted	Advance voting suppression	Multiple	No action taken
2005	SHAWNEE	Voters had their voted ballots taken from mail box	Advance voting suppression	Multiple	No action taken
2008	SHAWNEE	Person voted in both Kansas and Kentucky	Double vote	1	KS US attorney investigating
2005	SHAWNEE	Person voted in both city and county on consolidation question	Double vote	1	Investigated but not prosecuted
2002	SHERMAN	Person voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Investigated by FBI, not pursued
2010	SHERMAN	Person voted in both Kansas and Colorado	Double vote	1	Evidence collected
Multiple	WYANDOTTE	Nurse's aides voted ballots for residents without their consent	Perjury, forgery	Multiple	Provisional ballots not counted
Multiple	WYANDOTTE	Spouse voting for spouse	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	Multiple	Provisional ballots not counted
2010	WYANDOTTE	Felons voted. Provisional ballots were not counted	Perjury, impersonation of a voter	Multiple	Referred to D.A., under investigation
2010	WYANDOTTE	Persons not registered. Signed affidavits claiming residency in Wyandotte	Voting without being qualified Perjury	17 4	Referred to D.A., under investigation

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March 15, 2012

YEAR	JURISDICTION	DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION	CRIMES ALLEGED	NUMBER OF CASES	ACTIONS TAKEN
2010	WVANDOTTE	Persons attempted to vote more than once	Double vote	4	Referred to D.A., under investigation
2008	WVANDOTTE	Non US citizens registered; 1 voted	Perjury, voting without being qualified	3	Referred to D.A.
2008	WVANDOTTE	Advance ballot applications signed by campaign worker, not voter	Perjury	25	No charges filed
2004	WVANDOTTE	Advance ballot application filed without voter's knowledge	Perjury	1	No action taken
2002	WVANDOTTE	Fraudulent advance ballot applications	Perjury	50	Referred to D.A.
			TOTAL REPORTS	235+	

Results of SurveyUSA News Poll #17639

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1 Should a person registering to vote in Kansas for the first time be required to provide proof of citizenship?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age					Race				Party Affiliation			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr/Indepen	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.3%		84%	82%	79%	83%	90%	87%	81%	88%	85%	92%	56%	**	90%	82%	89%
Yes		10%	10%	19%	4%	7%	9%	12%	8%	11%	7%	1%	**	8%	12%	8%
No		6%	8%	1%	13%	3%	4%	7%	3%	4%	1%	43%	**	2%	6%	3%
Not Sure		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults		49%	51%	29%	28%	25%	18%	57%	43%	85%	5%	6%	4%	50%	22%	24%

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500 Adults	All	Ideology				Region		
		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Northea	Southe	Wester	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.3%		84%	92%	86%	80%	88%	79%	82%
Yes		10%	7%	8%	17%	8%	17%	3%
No		6%	1%	6%	3%	3%	4%	15%
Not Sure		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults		45%	36%	12%	48%	34%	18%	

2 Should Kansas voters be required to provide a valid photo ID at their polling place?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age					Race				Party Affiliation			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr/Indepen	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.2%		85%	86%	92%	86%	85%	71%	90%	79%	85%	84%	95%	**	89%	75%	84%
Yes		13%	13%	7%	12%	14%	22%	9%	18%	13%	16%	4%	**	9%	22%	16%
No		2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	7%	0%	4%	2%	1%	1%	**	2%	2%	0%
Not Sure		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults		49%	51%	29%	28%	25%	18%	57%	43%	85%	5%	6%	4%	50%	22%	24%



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2 Should Kansas voters be required to provide a valid photo ID at their polling place?

500 Adults	All	Ideology			Region		
		Conser	Moder	Liberal	Northea	Southe	Wester
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3.2%		92%	77%	80%	82%	89%	87%
Yes	85%	92%	77%	80%	82%	89%	87%
No	13%	6%	20%	18%	17%	9%	9%
Not Sure	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	3%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Composition of Adults	100%	45%	36%	12%	48%	34%	18%

3 Do you have a valid photo ID?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age					Race				Party Affiliation				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	18-49	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-1.1%		99%	98%	99%	100%	99%	94%	99%	97%	98%	99%	99%	99%	**	98%	98%	99%
Yes	98%	99%	98%	99%	100%	99%	94%	99%	97%	98%	99%	99%	99%	**	98%	98%	99%
No	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	**	1%	1%	1%	
Not Sure	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	2%	1%	0%	1%	**	1%	1%	0%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	49%	51%	29%	28%	25%	18%	57%	43%	85%	5%	6%	4%	50%	22%	24%	

3 Do you have a valid photo ID?

500 Adults	All	Ideology				Region		
		Conser	Moder	Liberal	Northea	Southe	Wester	
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-1.1%		99%	98%	96%	99%	100%	95%	
Yes	98%	99%	98%	96%	99%	100%	95%	
No	1%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	3%	
Not Sure	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Composition of Adults	100%	45%	36%	12%	48%	34%	18%	

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4 Do you have a copy of your birth certificate?

500 Adults	All	Gender		Age					Race				Party Affiliation					
		Male	Female	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	<50 / 50+	50+	White	Black	Hispani	Other	Republi	Democr	Indepen		
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3%		84%	90%	86%	86%	88%	88%	86%	88%	86%	86%	86%	14%	1%	**	90%	81%	82%
Yes	87%	14%	8%	12%	11%	11%	10%	11%	11%	12%	14%	1%	**	**	9%	14%	16%	
No	11%	1%	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	0%	**	**	1%	5%	2%	
Not Sure	2%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
Total	100%	49%	51%	29%	28%	25%	19%	57%	43%	85%	5%	6%	4%	50%	22%	24%		
Composition of Adults																		

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500 Adults	All	Ideology			Region		
		Conser	Modera	Liberal	Northea	Southe	Wester
Margin of Sampling Error: +/-3%		90%	85%	78%	85%	86%	93%
Yes	87%	10%	13%	17%	12%	13%	7%
No	11%	1%	2%	6%	3%	1%	0%
Not Sure	2%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total	100%	45%	36%	12%	48%	34%	19%
Composition of Adults							

** Too few respondents of this type were interviewed for this data to be meaningful.

Statement of Methodology: About the Poll: This poll was conducted by telephone in the voice of a professional announcer. Respondent households were selected at random, using Random Digit Dialed (RDD) sample provided by Survey Sampling, of Fairfield CT. All respondents heard the questions asked identically. The pollster's report includes the geography that was surveyed; the date(s) interviews were conducted, the number of respondents who answered each question and the theoretical margin of sampling error for each question. Where necessary, respondents were weighted using the most recent US Census estimates for age, gender, ethnic origin and region, to align the sample to the population. In theory, one can say with 95% certainty that the results would not vary by more than the stated margin of sampling error, in one direction or the other, had the entire universe of respondents with home telephones been interviewed with complete accuracy. There are other possible sources of error in all surveys that may be more serious than sampling error. These include: the difficulty of interviewing respondents who do not have a home telephone; the refusal by some with home telephones to be interviewed; the order in which questions are asked; the wording of questions; the way and extent to which data are weighted; and the manner in which specialized populations, such as likely voters, are determined. It is difficult to quantify the errors that may result from these and other factors. Research methodology, questionnaire design and fieldwork for this survey were completed by SurveyUSA of Clifton, N.J. This statement conforms to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls.

Affidavit of Person Requesting Free Certified Copy of Birth Certificate

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1. Notice

Starting January 1, 2013, in order to register to vote in Kansas, a person must provide proof of United States citizenship. If you do not possess any of the documents listed below, you may obtain a free certified copy of your Kansas birth certificate by signing this affidavit. If you require a birth certificate to obtain a fee-waived nondriver identification card, you may submit this form with a Form DE-VID1 to obtain a birth certificate for voting purposes.

2. Statement and Signature

Note: False statement on this affirmation is a severity level 9, nonperson felony.

Please select *one* of the following statements:

- I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am not registered to vote in Kansas, that I intend to register to vote, that I am at least 17 years of age, and that I do not possess any of the documents that constitute evidence of United States citizenship under Kansas law.
- I swear or affirm that I am registered to vote, that I am at least 17 years of age, that I am requesting a certified copy of my birth certificate for voting purposes under Kansas law, and I have executed a Form DE-VID1 for the purpose of obtaining a fee waiver for a nondriver identification card.

I hereby request a certified copy of my birth certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Required

Signature of Applicant _____

Name of Applicant (please print) _____

Date (MM/DD/YY) _____

3. Valid Proof of U.S. Citizenship Documents

The following documents may be used as proof of United States citizenship for purposes of registering to vote in Kansas:

- Driver's license or nondriver identification card issued by the division of vehicles or the equivalent governmental agency of another state within the United States if the agency indicates on the applicant's driver's license or nondriver identification card that the person has provided satisfactory proof of United States citizenship
- Birth certificate that verifies United States citizenship
- United States passport or pertinent pages of the applicant's United States valid or expired passport identifying the applicant and the applicant's passport number
- United States naturalization documents or the number of the certificate of naturalization. (If only the number of the certificate of naturalization is provided, the applicant shall not be included in the registration rolls until the number of the certificate of naturalization is verified with the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services by the county election officer or the secretary of state, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1373(c))
- Other documents or methods of proof of United States citizenship issued by the federal government pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952
- Bureau of Indian Affairs card number, tribal treaty card number or tribal enrollment number
- Consular report of birth abroad of a citizen of the United States
- Certificate of citizenship issued by the United States Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Certification of report of birth issued by the United States Department of State
- American Indian card, with KIC classification, issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security
- Final adoption decree showing the applicant's name and United States birthplace
- United States military record of service showing applicant's place of birth in the United States
- Extract from a United States hospital record of birth created at the time of the applicant's birth indicating the applicant's place of birth in the United States

4. Contact Information

Contact the Office of Vital Statistics at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 120, Topeka, KS, 66612-2221 or by phone at (785) 296-1400. Office hours are 8:00 – 5:00 Monday–Friday, with walk-in customer service hours from 9:00 – 4:00. You can also visit www.kdheks.gov/vital.

