

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 5004

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to modify the provisions of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to simplify the procedure for removal of voters from voter registration lists.

WHEREAS, The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 imposed national standards upon the states regarding creation and maintenance of lists of registered voters; and

WHEREAS, The required notification procedure could be simplified to require the state or local election official only to provide to the public a general notice stating that if a voter has not voted in the two preceding elections for federal office and has failed to be in contact in any other way with the county election officer of the county in which such voter is registered, such voter must vote in the next general election for federal office or else such voter's name will be deleted from the voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, The national standards create an onerous, costly and time consuming notification procedure which must be followed before a voter's name may be deleted from a voter registration list; and

WHEREAS, The current standards and procedures for removal of a voter's name from a voter registration list could be simplified for state and local election officials by allowing a voter's name to be removed, without notification, for failure to vote in the preceding three consecutive general elections for federal office and has failed to be in contact in any other way with the county election officer of the county in which such voter is registered: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the Senate concurring therein: That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to amend the appropriate sections of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow state and local election officials to replace the current onerous, costly and time consuming notification procedure with a simpler procedure only requiring that the state or local election official provide to the public two general publication notices in a minimum size of 10 point stating that if a voter has not voted in the two preceding elections for federal office and has failed to be in contact in any other way with the county election officer of the county in which such voter is registered, such voter must vote in the next general election for federal office or else such voter's name will be deleted from the voter registration list. The first notification must be issued two weeks before the date of such election and the second notification must be issued one week before the date of such election; and

Be it further resolved: That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to amend the appropriate sections of the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to allow state and local election officials to remove a voter's name from a voter registration list for failure to vote in the preceding three consecutive general elections for federal office and has failed to be in contact in any other way with the county election officer of the county in which such voter is registered in lieu of following the currently required notification procedure; and

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Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to each member of the Kansas Congressional Delegation and the President of the United States.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

HOUSE concurred in
SENATE amendments _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

Adopted by the
SENATE as amended _____

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.