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House Elections Committee
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HB 2572

Kansas Association of Counties
Opposition Testimony

Chairman Proctor and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer Opponent testimony on HB 2572, which would require personal delivery of advance ballots and photo identification of individuals delivering ballots on behalf of others.

HB 2572 adds a number of requirements to receive any hand delivered advance voting ballot. These requirements would make it very difficult and time consuming for election officials to receive advance voting ballots. It would also render useless remote ballot boxes for those delivering ballots on behalf of others, which some counties have invested in for voter convenience.

HB 2572 also presents some logistical problems. First, how long is the election officer required to retain the pictures of the photo identification? In addition to that question, how should election offices secure these pictures?

Because photo identification contains personally identifiable information (PII), election offices would have to protect that information, and, in the event of a security breach, notify parties that their information may have been breached and meet the requirements of Kansas law in that event. This creates additional costs for election offices.

There is also a question of whether this information would or should be protected from an open records request, and, if not, how the information in the photos should be redacted or otherwise protected since it contains PII. Is it even appropriate to turn over a picture of an individual that was simply delivering a ballot to an unknown third party?

Each of these questions must be carefully answered before this legislation can be considered.

The Kansas Association of Counties would respectfully ask that the committee reject this proposed legislation. Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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