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HB2020

Neutral

Written Only

Chairman Proctor and Members of the House Elections Committee,

I am submitting my neutral testimony for HB2020. I will say I am in support of this bill, but it needs work for it to be complete.

What timelines are put on the Secretary of State for reconciliation of the lists with the voter rolls? Does it have to happen a certain amount of time before an election? If a non-citizen is deemed ineligible, will they be allowed to vote within a certain period before an election? I believe this needs more attention with solid timelines and guidelines for the Secretary of State.

While I am all for restricting non-citizens to vote, hasn't this issue been struck down at the Kansas Supreme Court? The Kansas legislature passed a non-citizen voter bill in 2011. It was litigated at the Kansas Supreme Court and deemed unconstitutional. What has been passed to strengthen non-voter laws in Kansas? Isn't this setting up for litigation when the main issue of citizenship is still in limbo in Kansas?

As mentioned above, I am generally in support of not allowing non-citizens to vote, but the above points need to be addressed before I can fully support this bill.

Respectfully,

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