



Neutral Testimony on HB 2438
Kansas House Committee on Elections

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To Chairman Proctor and members of the committee;

I thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony on HB 2438, and apologize that I could not be there to provide testimony in person.

KSVotes.org is a non-partisan, non-profit organization focused on voter registration and participation in the state of Kansas. Our website serves Kansans by providing a simple tool to complete a voter registration or advance ballot application on their computer or mobile device. We launched the website in October of 2017, and since that day have processed almost 128,000 voter registration forms; we introduced advance ballot applications on Labor Day of 2018 and have processed over 170,000 of those to date.

Part of our process is to work diligently, using publicly-available sources, to ensure that every form submitted through our website is appropriately processed by county election offices. We also take very seriously our non-partisan status and our IRS 501(c)3 non-profit certification. We protect that non-profit status by focusing on our core mission of voter registration and participation, with no consideration given to party or politics in the processing of forms through our website. We do not share personally identifiable data submitted through our website with any external entities.

I appreciate this bill's attempt to ensure that voter registration submissions in Kansas are secure. If passed, KSVotes looks forward to working with the Secretary of State's office to streamline and improve form submissions on behalf of our users. We do have concerns about the bill, as written, that lead us to testify as neutral rather than proponent. We respectfully request the below amendments:

- **Remove the Blackout Window.** As written, the prohibition on county election officials accepting electronic voter registrations begins after publication in the statute book, but the Secretary of State may not promulgate regulations to implement the law until January of 2027. We would request that these improvements be implemented prior to this year's elections, or that the status quo be continued until implementation can be completed.
- **Remove Arbitrary Approval.** The bill allows for approvals to be arbitrarily made or denied by the Secretary of State. The legislation's goal of secure voter registration transmission can be accomplished by developing requirements and guaranteeing that entities that meet those requirements may continue to perform this service to voters. This can be done by striking the word "only" from line 13.

While I was not able to be present to answer questions, I am happy to discuss KSVotes and our practices with members of the committee. My email address is below should you wish to contact me.

Thank you,

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