



Date of Testimony: Thursday, February 3, 2026

Bill Number: HB 2453 Requiring applications for advance voting ballots be filed by the 14th day prior to election day, that advance voting in person be completed by 12:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to election day, extending the time for transmittal of advance voting ballots to 22 days prior to an election and ending the time for voter registration at 23 days prior to election day.

Disposition: Opposition, Written only Testimony

From: Cille King, Advocacy Chair; League of Women Voters Kansas

To: Chair Representative Proctor and Members of the House Committee on Elections.

The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes HB 2453, changing election deadlines to earlier before elections.

The League of Women Voters works to extend the franchise to all eligible voters. We strive for safe and accessible elections that accommodate the needs of voters. This bill moves the deadlines to register, request a mailed ballot and to do early in-person voting to earlier dates – all which limit voter participation.

We would like to see deadlines **offer more opportunities to vote**, not fewer.

Instead of moving **voter registration** from 20 to 23 days prior to an election, (which means for many county offices that don't open on the weekends, registration ends on the Friday, 24 days before the election), we would like to see **same-day voter registration**. **Twenty-three states** and Washington, D.C., have implemented same-day registration, allowing any qualified resident of the state to register to vote and cast a ballot at the same time. This would eliminate many of the provisional ballots currently not counted, as voters have to be registered in the county where they vote. Many Kansans move between counties and forget to update their voter registrations and their vote isn't counted.

Moving the deadline for a **mail ballot application** from 7 to 14 days before the election is unnecessary and could eliminate voters from casting a ballot who learn they are not able to vote in person. (Note the bill is inconsistent in stating 12 days in the explanation and 14 days in the text.)

Moving the deadline for **early in-person voting** from noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday election to the week before the election, could again, eliminate voters who learn they will not be able to vote in person on election day.

In the one instance where this bill assists voters; **sending mailed ballots** 22 days instead of 20 days before an election, the two additional days is helpful, but sending the ballots 29 days before an election would be better. Many states already send mailed ballots out between 40 – 45 or more before an election. There is no reason to tie voter registration deadlines to dates to send out mailed ballots. They are two separate procedures. All mailed ballot applications are checked to assure that the requester is a valid voter before the ballot is sent.

While the League of Women Voters supports sending out mailed ballots earlier, we oppose all other tighter deadlines in this bill and ask that you vote NO on HB2453.

We ask that you vote NO on HB 2503.