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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairman Olson
Members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: February 17, 2022

Subject: SB 445 – Prohibiting the use of any ballot drop boxes other than ones located inside county election offices.

Senate Bill No. 445 (SB 445) would amend K.S.A. 25-1124, which governs the marking and return of advance voting ballots by voters. The bill would prohibit the use of any drop boxes for the deposit of advance voting ballots except those located in a county election office or satellite advance voting location. Those drop boxes that are permitted must be located inside the building of such locations and must be continuously observed by an employee during times when the box is accessible by the general public.

If enacted, SB 445 would become effective on July 1, 2022.