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Bill Number: HB 2053: Authorizing the secretary of state to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes for the return of advance voting ballots.

Disposition: Proponent

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To: Chair Pat Proctor and members of the House Committee on Elections

The League of Women Voters of Kansas supports HB 2053, providing that **best practices** are used for creating rules and regulations for remote ballot boxes. We believe that ballot drop boxes are an important access to voter participation. County election offices should have and follow rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes..

The goal of a representative government is to have as many citizens participate in elections as possible. Greater participation in government and voting is shown to create a healthier, more stable society. Accessible ballot drop boxes helps with voter participation.

However, county election offices should be able to determine how many ballot boxes should be used, as they know their county population centers. Other requirements for secure boxes should be specified so that County Election Offices are clear in understanding secure, best practice rules.

The Election Assistance Commission (eac.gov) is one source for rules and regulations for ballot drop boxes:

https://www.eac.gov/sites/default/files/electionofficials/vbm/Ballot_Drop_Box.pdf

We ask you to vote YES on HB 2053 so that the SOS will develop clear, reasonable, best practice rules and regulations for the use of drop boxes.