

Date of Testimony: Thursday, January 25, 2024

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Bill Number: HB 2512 - Requiring advance voting ballots cast in person to be received by the county election office by 7:00 p.m. on the second day preceding the election.

Disposition: Opponent; Written and via WebEx Testimony

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

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

The League of Women Voters of Kansas appreciates the opportunity to address the House Committee regarding ending early voting on the Sunday before the election.

The League opposes HB 2512 as it shortens the time that voters have to cast their ballot. If voters are in a county that does not have weekend voting, it would shorten the time by three days; from the Monday before the Tuesday election back to the Friday before the election.

The committee might consider a compromise: require counties to hold early voting on the Saturday before the Tuesday election. Required Saturday early voting before the election would give those citizens who learn that they will not be available to vote on the Tuesday election day, a chance to cast their ballot.

We ask that you vote NO on HB 2512 unless amended to require early voting on the Saturday before the election.