

Date of Testimony: Tuesday, February 1, 2024

Bill Number: HB 2576: Requiring the publication of signed statements of fair campaign practices and providing a cause of action for violations of such statements.

Disposition: Proponent; Written only Testimony

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

To: Chair Proctor and Members of the House Committee on Election

The League of Women Voters of Kansas supports HB 2576 - Requiring the publication of signed statements of fair campaign practices and providing a cause of action for violations of such statements.

Current law makes the "Statement of Fair Campaign Practices" optional and there is no mechanism for enforcement. This is appalling! HB 2576 keeps the signing of the statement optional, but creates a cause of action against candidates who violate their statement. This bill also includes the statement of not using synthetic media (AI). This is an improvement in campaign advertising.

The League believes that the "deliberate publication of false information by polical interests to influence election outcomes misleads the public and undermines the integrity of our elections".

Please vote YES on HB 2576 and improve Kansans' right to accurate campaign advertising and trust in our candidates and elections.

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