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It will cost Kansans more money to administer a two-tiered system. It's already been judged to be unconstitutional, thus implementing it has an attendant risk of lawsuits on that basis. The details of implementing such a system are complex and complex systems are more prone to errors. One effect of this law, regardless of its intention, will be to cost more and function worse.

The integrity of voting system is crucial to democracy. Mr. Kobach has been in office for six years now. How many of our elections has he had studies done on to determine the size of this particular problem? So far, the size of the disenfranchisement problem created by this two-tiered system seems orders of magnitude larger than the problem it's trying to fix. Meanwhile, serious systemic issues with the voting machinery in use in Kansas go unaddressed. Where is the data showing that non-citizens voting is a problem in Kansas? Has Mr. Kobach investigated the problem in our past elections? Has that % of voters gone up or down during the past 6 years? A sampling of a mere 500 voters would go a long way to establish bounds on the size of the problem he is battling, not to mention uncovering a host of other potential problems and whether or not they need to be address. What % of our voters are non-citizens? How many were deceased and voting from the grave? How many were living at non-existent addresses? Unless and until Mr. Kobach provides clear evidence that the problem of non-citizens voting is large enough to be more deserving of the resources needed to implement his solution than other current issues in our state, do not approve SB 37.

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