



LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
VOTERS  
of  
KANSAS

To: Senator Elaine Bowers and Members of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

From: The League of Women Voters of Kansas, Cille King, Co-President

Re: SB 49 – Elections, registration; election day registration - Supporting

Date: March 21, 2018

The League of Women Voters of Kansas supports SB 49 in regard to elections, registration, and election day registration. Kansas had the 7th most discounted ballots of all states, and threw out at least three times as many ballots as any similarly sized state in November 2016, according to Roxana Hegeman of the Associated Press (<https://www.pressherald.com/2017/08/23/report-kansas-discarded-a-disproportionate-number-of-ballots-in-2016-voting/>).

In the League's own data gathering after the November 2016 election, we found that in twelve Kansas counties, 9139 provisional ballots were not counted, and of those, 7047 could have been counted with election day registration. I have been a poll worker, and have seen those who come in who thought they were registered, but not on the poll books; those who moved from another Kansas country, and did not realize that their vote would not be counted at all; those who recently moved or married and changed their name, and had not updated their registration. All of these citizens could have their vote counted with election day voter registration.

Kansas was a leader in allowing women to vote in school elections in 1861, the first state in the Union to consider women's suffrage in 1867, and the first state where a woman was elected mayor in 1887. While far behind in being a leader now, Kansas could become the 21<sup>st</sup> state to allow election day registration.

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- 14 states—California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, Vermont, Wisconsin, and Wyoming—plus the District of Columbia, currently or will soon permit Election Day registration, which allows voters to register or update their existing registration on Election Day.
- In addition, 6 states—Delaware, Florida, Maryland, Ohio, Oregon, and Utah—have systems of portable registration that allow registered voters who move to cast valid ballots even if they do not update their registrations before Election Day.” (Brennan Center for Justice. February 22, 2018; <https://www.brennancenter.org/analysis/voter-registration-modernization-states>).

The League of Women Voters of Kansas supports SB 49 and asks that you vote yes on this bill and support your fellow citizens in using their franchise.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	<b>Kansas County Canvass for November 8, 2016 Election</b>														
2															
3	<b>County</b>		<b>Barton</b>	<b>Butler</b>	<b>Douglas</b>	<b>Johnson</b>	<b>Leavenworth</b>	<b>Lyon</b>	<b>Reno</b>	<b>Riley</b>	<b>Saline</b>	<b>Sedgwick</b>	<b>Shawnee</b>	<b>Wyandotte</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
4	<b># Registered</b>		17427	42282	81380	407550	50794	19872	41134	33917	35414	293113	109731	79625	1212239
5	<b># Voting</b>		10455	28357	52164	296833	31146	12844	25088	22811	22694	195746	78356	50295	826789
6	<b>% Voting</b>		60.00%	67.10%	64.10%	73.50%	61.30%	64.60%	61.00%	67.30%	64.10%	66.80%	71.40%	63.20%	68.20%
7	<b># Provisionals</b>		175	698	2006	10571	748	594	835	1263	620	7286	2078	1960	28834
8	<b>% Provisionals</b>		1.7%	2.5%	3.8%	3.6%	2.4%	4.6%	3.3%	5.5%	2.7%	3.7%	2.7%	3.9%	3.5%
9	<b># Provisionals not counted</b>		30	275	710	2873	295	223	214	613	152	2194	781	779	9139
10	<b>% Provisionals not counted of total votes</b>		0.3%	1.0%	1.4%	1.0%	0.9%	1.7%	0.9%	2.7%	0.7%	1.1%	1.0%	1.5%	1.1%
11															
12	Voter signed advance ballot envelope, did not complete address line	AG Opinion 10/16/12 2012-26				551		1							
14	Spoiled ballot counted							2							
15	Advance ballot not returned, provisional ballot counted	25-2908(f)			175	1656		45	17				192	198	
17	Voter moved or changed name	25—2316(c)	133		714	2776		295	464	609			700		
18	DMV/Online Full (COA/CON)*	25-2352,25-2316c(b)			52			1							
19	Wrong Precinct – All Count	25-3002(b)(3)			24					18					
20	Advance signature	25-2908c			2										
21	Clerical error	25-3002(b)(1)	6		44	884		26	51				75	68	
22	Voter provided photo ID prior to Canvass	25-1122(e)(2)			12	115			2	3			7		
23		25-1123(c)													
24		25-2908(d)													
25	Replacement Ballot issued	25-1122(f)				145				11				7	
26	Voter provided Proof of Citizenship prior to Election day	25-2309(l) K.A.R. 7-23-14			22	32		1					3		
28	Election worker did not initial ID reason did not include "No ID"	25-2908(c)(4) 25-3002(b)(1)				379									
29	Voter needed assistance, assistance signed and voter signed	25-2909 25-1124(b)&(d)				16									
30															
31															
32															
33	Voter needed assistance, assistant signed and voter line blank	25-2909 25-1124(b)&(d)				62									
34															
35	Voter needed assistance, assistant signed on assistance and voter lines	25-2909 25-1124(b)&(d)				3								5	
36															
37	Affidavit of former precinct resident completed	25-3702				2									
38															
39	Voter's religious beliefs prohibit photographic ID; voter provided declaration of such to county EO	25-2908(i)(5)				2									
40															
41															
42	Voter voted on paper instead of machine					315									
43															
44	Other							2		9			8		
45	<b>Total # Provisionals Counted</b>		<b>139</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>6938</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>12108</b>
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47															
48	Wrong polling place	25-3002(b)(3)	5		103	783			24		51		312	219	
49	Correct polling place – wrong ballot	25-3002(b)(3)	1			212			10						
50	DMV/Online Partial (COA/CON)*	25-2353,25-2316c(b)			4										
51	Voter moved within county but didn't	25-409(a)			144	30									
52	reregister before voting	25-3002(b)(3)													
53	Voter moved, reregistered, wrong polling								51						
54	<b>Total # Prov. Partially Counted</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1025</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>5092</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>7168</b>
55															
56	Not registered	25-2302	29		217	1626	293	120	109	612	140	1471	578	738	7047
57	Moved, no new registration								77				63	**	
58	Changed Name, no new registration	25-2316(c)(a)				7							14		
59		25-409,25-434													
60	Moved & changed Name, no new reg.												7		
61	<b>Not registered-DMV/On-line Reg*</b>	25-215,25-2302			92										
62	Voter does not live in district	25-2302			24	74		6						1	
63		25-2416(a)(1)													
64	Registered in other county	25-3702			297			80	9						
65	Voter did not provide proof of citizenship	25-2309(l)			40	260	2	7	6			48			
66	Signature on envelope didn't match	25-1124(b)&(d)				337					2	57			
67	voter record														
68	Voter didn't complete statutory info	25-2316(d)(2)				307					5			4	
69	on envelope														
70	No ballot in envelope							1				2	31		
71	Voter did not provide photo ID	25-1122(d)(2)	1		33	54		3	4	1	2	46	49	3	
72		25-2908(d)													
73		25-3002(b)(8)													
74	Voter did not sign ballot envelope	25-1136(b)				85		1				144	27	17	
75		25-1124(a)													
76	POA signed envelope	AG letter 9/16/1997				15									
77	Voted on machine & then on paper	25-2908(c)(5)				40									
78	Voted advance & then provisional	25-2908(f)				25		1	9		2	22	9	13	
79	Voted at polls & requested to vote again							4							
80	Business/Mailing?Invalid Address	25-1120&1124(a)				23									
81	Advance Returned	25-2416(b)			2										
82	Should have been provisional	25-2316(c)				8									
83	Envelope had more than one ballot	25-1124(a)				2						2			
84	Ballot arrived w/o official ballot envelope	25-1124(a)				8						63	2		
85	Absentee ballot, Fed write-in, not valid													2	
86	Voter cast ballot, died, & election	25-1136(c)				1							1	1	
87	office made it a provisional ballot														
88	Felony and had not reapplied	25-215,25-2302			4										
89	Voter/ballot arrived to vote after 7 pm	25-106			1	1					1	339			
90	<b>Total # Prov. Not Counted</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>2194</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>9139</b>
91															
92	* Voter self-identified as having registered or updated registration On-line or at the DMV, but wasn't forwarded to County Election Office.														