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Re: Support for House Bill 2555

Dear Mr. Chairman,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before your committee in support of House Bill 2555.

This bill creates a fifth reason for county clerks to send an address confirmation notice to a voter on the voter rolls: no voter activity for four years.

Currently, there are four reasons in Kansas statute for county clerks to send an address confirmation notice to a voter on the voter rolls. The first three of these reasons are if official election mail is returned as undeliverable, if a voter's name appears on a US Postal Service change of address list, or if other information is received from the US Postal Service that the voter has moved outside the county. If this address confirmation notice is returned undeliverable and there is no election-related activity for three to four years, the voter's name can be removed from voter rolls.

The fourth reason to send an address confirmation notice to a voter is if information is received from the US Postal Service that the voter has moved within the county. Following verification, the address of the voter is updated in the voter roll.

This bill provides counties with a 5th Reason to send an address confirmation notice: if the voter has no election-related activity for four or more years. This bill includes a definition of "election-related activity." Some voters only vote in presidential years, so this definition is written to be as inclusive as possible. "No election-related activity" includes if the voter has not:

- Voted
- Attempted to vote
- Requested or submitted an advance ballot application
- Filed an updated voter registration card
- Signed a petition which is required by law to be verified by the county election officer or the secretary of state
- Responded to any official election mailing transmitted by the county election office

If no election-related activity has occurred over four years, the county clerk sends an address confirmation notice. If this address confirmation notice is returned undeliverable and there is no election-related activity for three to four years, the voter's name can be removed from voter rolls. The total process would take seven to eight years.

Adding such a requirement to send an address confirmation notice has been ruled Constitutional and in line with federal statute in the past. In 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court approved of this practice as an effective and legal path to improve voter roll accuracy.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to answering your questions.

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