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On March 9 and 10, the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections heard testimony on HB 2067 known as the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act. That bill calls for evidence of U.S. citizenship when a Kansan registers to vote; evidence of identity at the time of voting in a form containing the name, photograph, and expiration date which has not occurred (except the photo ID can be expired if the voter is age 65 or over); stronger penalties for voter crimes; and increased resources for investigating and prosecuting election fraud.

In addition to drafting and advocating passage of the SAFE Act, my office has created a central location for the reporting of voter fraud. If you witness suspicious activity related to an election, please report it by filling out the **Stop Voter Fraud form** at www.sos.ks.gov or call our **Stop Voter Fraud hotline** at **800-262-8683**. An elections investigator may contact you for additional information.

In order to ensure that Kansas elections are among the most secure in the nation, we must safeguard our voting process. Election and voter fraud undermines the precious right of each citizen to be heard at the ballot box. Each step of the process must conform to the law, from voter registration to casting votes to counting ballots and certifying results.

Thank you for doing your part in protecting the integrity of Kansas elections!

Your Secretary of State,

Kris Kobach

P.S. Did you know my office administers the Safe at Home program for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking or stalking? Victims can register to vote, obtain a driver's license, etc., without fear that such public records will put them at risk of being located by their abusers. Visit www.sos.ks.gov and click on "Other Services" to learn more.