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KOBACH'S COLUMN

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Soon the Kansas Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act will be signed into law by Governor Sam Brownback. Both houses of the legislature listened to their constituents and to the evidence. They did the right thing in passing HB 2067 by a vote of 111-11 in the House of Representatives and a vote of 36-3 in the Senate.

Above all, I am pleased that Democrats and Republicans alike overwhelmingly supported the sound measures spelled out in the Act. While Republicans voted almost unanimously for the SAFE Act, 75% of Senate Democrats and 70% of House Democrats also voted for the SAFE Act. The governor's signature on this bill in the coming weeks will finalize this win for our citizens.

That voter registration must be limited only to U.S. citizens is fundamental to our republic. And every effort must be made to protect each legitimate vote from being cancelled by fraudulent voter activity.

The core provisions of the final version of the SAFE Act are these:

- (1) newly-registered Kansas voters must prove U.S. citizenship when registering to vote;
- (2) voters must show photographic identification when casting a vote in person; and
- (3) voters must have their signature verified and provide a full Kansas driver's license or non-driver ID number when voting by mail.

No other state in the country contains all three of these protections against corrupt elections. Taken together they fully secure the integrity of Kansas elections. I encourage other states to adopt the Kansas model.

Your Secretary of State,
Kris Kobach

P.S. Did you know that business entities can file their Annual Reports online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week? Most companies with fiscal years ending December 31st must file their Annual Reports by April 15th. Visit www.sos.ks.gov/business and click on "File an Annual Report" to keep your company in good standing and ensure your report has been filed in a timely manner.