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A few months ago, the Kansas legislature enacted the Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) Act to protect the integrity of Kansas elections. Most of the provisions of the SAFE Act become effective January 1, 2012. In order to ensure the smooth implementation of the law, I named election officials from 17 counties to the SAFE Act Task Force. Every geographic area of the state is represented. It includes counties with large and small populations as well as election officials from both major political parties.

The SAFE Act Task Force comprises the following county election officers.

Rhonda Beets	County Clerk	11 years	Osage County
Rebecca Bossemeyer	County Clerk	16 years	Geary County
Linda Buttron	County Clerk	11 years	Jefferson County
Crystal Clemens	Deputy County Clerk	10 years	Seward County
John Copple	Deputy County Clerk	6 years	Linn County
Bill Gale	Election Commissioner	8 years	Sedgwick County
Janet Klasinski	County Clerk	2 years	Leavenworth County
Inge Luntsford	County Clerk	15 years	Kingman County
Don Merriman	County Clerk	11 years	Saline County
Brian Newby	Election Commissioner	6 years	Johnson County
Sherrie Riebel	County Clerk	14 years	Allen County
Janet Rumpel	County Clerk	28 years	Sherman County
Jamie Shew	County Clerk	6 years	Douglas County
Sonya Stohs	County Clerk	9 years	Marshall County
Rich Vargo	County Clerk	14 years	Riley County
Matt Woehrle	Program Coordinator	3 years	Wyandotte County
Robert Wyatt	County Clerk	14 years	Norton County

With a combined experience of 184 years in their current positions, these task force members are certainly well equipped to advise me on how to best carry out the requirements of the SAFE Act statewide. The first meeting on June 28 was very productive.

Thanks to the hard work of the Kansas legislature, the SAFE Act is now law in Kansas. We are taking every step possible to make certain that this law is understood by Kansans, is applied in a workable manner on election day, and is efficiently administered.

Your Secretary of State,
Kris Kobach

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