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### **Kobach Appoints Lehman as Sedgwick County Election Commissioner**

TOPEKA (November 3, 2011) – Today Secretary of State Kris Kobach announced the appointment of Tabitha Lehman to the position of Sedgwick County election commissioner following the resignation of Election Commissioner Bill Gale, which becomes effective November 5.

The secretary of state's office is charged with the responsibility of overseeing Kansas elections. While 101 counties elect their election officers (the county clerks), the four largest counties in Kansas have election commissioners who are appointed by the secretary of state.

"Tabitha Lehman brings an extraordinary breadth of experience to the job of election commissioner," said Kobach, "and she has been an innovator."

Since 2000, Lehman has held the positions of supervising judge, advance voting coordinator and deputy election commissioner in the Sedgwick County election office. Recently she spearheaded an ambitious project that cleaned up the registered voter database, resulting in the merging of duplicate records and removal of deceased voters from Sedgwick County's voter rolls.

Kobach added "Mrs. Lehman is extremely familiar with the election process and her experience will be invaluable going into the 2012 election year. Her commitment to defending the voting rights of Kansas citizens is unwavering. I have great confidence that she will serve the voters of Sedgwick County exceptionally well."