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SECRETARY OF STATE KOBACH PREDICTS GENERAL ELECTION TURNOUT

TOPEKA (November 1, 2012) – Secretary of State Kris Kobach predicts approximately 1.2 million Kansas voters will turn out to vote in the general election this year. This figure is about 64,000 fewer voters than the 2008 general election turnout. Election Day is Tuesday, November 6.

“There are 1,771,539 Kansans registered to vote,” said Secretary Kobach. “I expect that roughly 68% will cast a ballot in this presidential election before the polls close on Tuesday.”

One thing that tends to signal voter participation is advance voting, which is down significantly from 2008. As of today, 204,312 advance ballots have been mailed to voters who requested them. Advance ballots cast so far statewide number 244,964 in total, with 134,348 by mail and 110,616 in person.

Historic presidential election turnout numbers from 2000 to 2008 are below. This year’s prediction most closely resembles the actual turnout in the year 2000.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2008	1,749,756	1,264,326	72
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	72
2000	1,623,623	1,092,716	67

The voter registration deadline was October 16, 2012 for a person to be eligible to vote on November 6. Here are the numbers of voters affiliated with each recognized political party:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Americans Elect</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Libertarian</u>	<u>Reform</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Not Affiliated</u>
2012	223	446,225	11,370	981	790,538	522,202
2008	N/A	484,578	9,786	1,361	770,582	482,812

The fastest way to see election results on November 6 is to visit the secretary of state’s website at www.sos.ks.gov starting at 7:00 p.m. An interactive mapping system will allow users to access county website results by clicking on each county.

Secretary Kobach urges voters to remember to bring their photo IDs to the polls. For a list of acceptable forms of photographic identification visit www.gotVoterID.com.