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Kobach Predicts Higher Primary Turnout

TOPEKA (July 31, 2014) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach reminds voters that the last day to cast a vote in the primary election is Tuesday, August 5. He predicts that 22% of all registered voters will take part in the primary election this year, either in advance or at the polls.

“Of the 1,735,414 Kansans who are registered to vote,” said Kobach, “I expect approximately 381,790 will cast a ballot in next week’s primary election. Around 39,115 advance ballots have already been received.”

Secretary Kobach observed that 2008 is the primary election cycle most similar to 2014 in recent times. Turnout was 22.45% in 2008. Historic primary election turnout numbers from 2004 to 2012 are below.

Not all registered voters are eligible to vote in the primary. It is open only to Kansans who have affiliated with the Democratic Party, the Republican Party, or no political party when registering to vote. Voters affiliated with minor parties do not participate in primary candidate elections. The only minor party currently recognized in our state is the Libertarian Party, and about 0.7% of all registered voters are affiliated with the Libertarian Party.

Unaffiliated registered voters may vote a Republican or a Democratic ballot on election day by first filling out a new registration form at the polling place to affiliate with the major political party of their choice.

The unofficial number of voters affiliated with each recognized political party and no party at the close of voter registration on July 15th are as follows: 422,184 Democratic; 12,655 Libertarian; 765,342 Republican; and 535,233 unaffiliated.

The fastest way to see election results is to visit the Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.ks.gov starting at 7:00 p.m. on August 5. An interactive mapping system will allow users to access county website results by clicking on each county.

Historic Primary Election Results

<u>Year</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2012	1,719,469	398,367	23.2
2010	1,706,900	429,344	25.2%
2008	1,652,973	371,121	22.45%
2006	1,646,987	298,972	18.1%
2004	1,591,428	486,798	30%

Past Predictions Compared to Actual Turnout

Year	# Registered	Prediction	%	Actual	%
2012	1,719,469	310,000	18%	392,142	22.8%
2010	1,706,900	324,000	19%	429,344	25.2%
2008	1,652,973	319,000	19%	371,121	22.5%