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2014 Midterm Election A Success

TOPEKA (November 26, 2014) – Today the state board of canvassers conducted the final canvass for all national and state elections. The state of Kansas set a record in the number of registered voters prior to a midterm election, and in the number of votes cast in a midterm election.

Kobach predicted a 50% voter turnout with approximately 872,000 ballots cast, however voters exceeded this prediction. The voter turnout was 51% with 887,023 ballots cast. The total number of registered voters was 1,744,866. In 2010, before the photo ID and proof of citizenship requirements the voter turnout was 50%, with 856,831 votes cast. This year also saw the highest number of votes cast in a midterm election and the highest number of registered voters during any midterm election. “These record numbers and substantial improvements over 2010 should put the arguments to rest that photo ID to vote and proof of citizenship to register to vote depresses voter turnout.”

Out of 887,023 votes cast, only 570 provisional ballots were issued due to lack of sufficient photo ID at the time the vote was cast. Out of those voters, 267 provided sufficient photo ID before the county canvass to make their votes count. This dropped the number of those who did not provide photo ID to 303, which is 0.034% or 1 in 3,000.