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### SECRETARY OF STATE KOBACH PREDICTS RECORD GENERAL ELECTION TURNOUT

TOPEKA (November 3, 2016) – Secretary of State Kris Kobach predicts approximately 1.3 million Kansas voters will turn out to vote in the general election this year. If Kansas voters turnout as predicted this will be the highest turnout number in the history of the State. It would also be the highest percentage of registered voters turning out since the implementation of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) in 1996.

One thing that tends to signal voter participation is advance voting, which is up significantly from 2012. As of today, 197,133 advance ballots have been mailed to voters who requested them. Advance ballots cast so far statewide number 324,266 in total, with 125,544 by mail and 198,722 in person. At this time in 2012, the total number so far is approximately 80,000 higher than 2012 (324,255 v. 244,964).

Historic presidential election turnout numbers from 2000 to 2014 are below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Turnout</u>	<u>Percent</u>
2016	1,812,670	1,305,000	72.0
2012	1,771,252	1,182,771	66.8
2008	1,749,756	1,264,326	70.6
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	71.6
2000	1,623,623	1,092,716	67.3

The voter registration deadline was October 18, 2016 for a person to be eligible to vote on November 8, 2016. Here are the numbers of voters affiliated with each recognized political party:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Democratic</u>	<u>Libertarian</u>	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Not Affiliated</u>
2016	449,313	15,481	805,525	542,351
2012	446,225	11,370	790,538	522,202
2008	484,578	9,786	770,582	482,812

2016 to date votes cast

Democrat – 100,384 -31%

Republican – 163,341-50%

Unaffiliated – 58,527-18%

2012 total advance votes cast

Democrat – 102,019-29%

Republican – 185,184-52%

Unaffiliated – 68,663-19%

In August, Secretary Kobach predicted 410,000 Kansans would vote. This was an extremely close prediction. The actual number was 411,552.

The fastest way to see election results on November 8 is to visit the secretary of state's website at [www.sos.ks.gov](http://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](http://www.gotVoterID.com).

