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SECRETARY KOBACH OBTAINS FOURTH CONVICTION IN VOTER FRAUD PROSECUTIONS

Wichita, KS (Wednesday, May 4, 2016) - Secretary Kobach secured his fourth voter fraud conviction since receiving prosecutorial authority from the Kansas Legislature in July 2015. Ron R. Weems, Wichita, was convicted of two counts of voting without being qualified (a class A nonperson misdemeanor) and one count of advance voting unlawful acts (a class C nonperson misdemeanor).

In exchange for Mr. Weems' guilty pleas, Secretary Kobach dismissed two felony charges of election perjury. Mr. Weems has agreed to pay fines of \$2,500 for each class A misdemeanor and \$500 for the class C misdemeanor for a total of \$5,500 in fines.

"These prosecutions demonstrate our commitment to ensuring that Kansas has the most secure elections in the country," stated Secretary Kobach following the ruling. "I want there to be no doubt that violators of our election laws will be prosecuted and will pay significant penalties. In Kansas, if you double vote we will catch you, and you will pay a very heavy penalty." Secretary Kobach added, "The crime of double voting undermines one of the most fundamental principles of our republic: one person, one vote."

A news conference is scheduled today at 12:30pm at the Appino & Biggs Reporting Service office located at 800 E 1st ST N, Wichita, KS 67202.