

Approved: February 11, 2011  
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## MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schwab at 9:00 a.m., on January 19, 2011 in Room 546-S of the Capitol.

All members were present .

Committee staff present:

Doug Taylor, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Katherine McBride, Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Martha Dorsey, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Jay Hall, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Diane Brian, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the Committee:

The Honorable Kris Kobach, Secretary of State

Others attending:

See attached list.

Chairman Schwab asked for bill introductions.

Representative Mah introduced a bill that would extend the filing deadline for the Extension office elections. Bill was entered with no objections.

The Chairman welcomed new members Representative Rubin Gonzalez and Representative Robert Montgomery to the committee. Introductions were made by the committee members.

The Chairman welcomed Secretary Kobach, who gave a presentation on the 2010 Elections with General Election Statistics for Voter Registration, Turnout and Advance Voting, the MOVE Act, and the Legislative Agenda for 2011, (Attachment 1). Secretary Kobach said the Secretary of State's office would be supporting the following 2011 legislative agenda:

- Secure and Fair Elections Act
- Plan to reintroduce changes to correspond to the federal MOVE Act
- Military and Overseas voter bill
- Candidate filing deadlines in redistricting years

Secretary Kobach addressed questions from the committee:

Representative Mah would like to see the percentage of new registrations that occur in election offices versus schools, malls, nursing homes, etc. - Secretary Kobach will follow up with this information.

Representative Ruben asked if moving the deadlines for the primary election might result in timing problems with the MOVE Act. Secretary Kobach said that this would need to be taken into consideration when changing the deadline.

Representative McCray-Miller voiced concerns about the low level of voter participation since 1992. Secretary Kobach agreed that this is a problem that needs to be addressed.

Representative Gregory thought it might be helpful to have a Constitutional Bee, similar to a Spelling Bee, to stimulate interest among our young people. She would also like the same information that Representative Mah requested as it relates to the general population of the state. Secretary Kobach will follow up with this information.

Chairman Schwab announced we will start the meeting Monday at 9:30 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 09:50 a.m.

HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

9:00 AM,

Room 546-S, Capitol Building

**GUEST LIST**

DATE: <sup>11</sup>19, 2011

NAME	REPRESENTING
<del>MAAUEK</del>	<del>KNEA</del>
Brad Bryant	Sec of state
Sarah Gillyooly	PPKM
<del>THOMAS WITT</del>	<del>KSC</del>
Amber Versola	KS NOW
Katrina Abraham	intern
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## STATE OF KANSAS

### House Committee on Elections

### Presentation by Secretary of State Kris W. Kobach

January 19, 2011

#### 1. 2010 Elections

- a. Primary Election—August 3, 2010
- b. General Election—November 2, 2010

#### 2. MOVE Act

Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act

#### 3. Legislative Agenda for 2011

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ATTACHMENT: 1

# General Election Statistics

## Voter Registration

Year	Republican	Democratic	Libertarian	Reform	Unaffiliated	Total
2010	766,422	460,243	10,088	1,280	486,979	1,725,012
2008	771,019	484,710	9,786	1,361	482,883	1,749,756
2006	763,992	441,833	9,191	1,463	446,538	1,663,017
2004	783,068	454,068	9,432	2,278	445,109	1,694,365
2002	742,903	441,269	9,416	1,850	420,261	1,615,699
2000	735,435	449,445	9,973	1,887	424,183	1,623,623*

\* includes 2,700 Constitution Party

Turnout			
Year	Registered Voters	Turnout	Percentage
2010	1,725,012	856,831	50%
2008	1,749,756	1,234,765	71%
2006	1,663,017	864,294	52%
2004	1,694,365	1,213,108	72%
2002	1,615,699	840,243	52%
2000	1,623,623	1,083,264	67%
1998	1,513,685	751,505	50%
1996	1,438,894	1,076,237	75%
1994	1,273,648	836,251	64%
1992	1,365,849	1,161,927	85%

## Advance Voting

Year	Voter Registration	Advance Voters	Percent
2010	1,725,012	245,089	28.6%
2008	1,749,756	428,772	34.7
2006	1,663,017	165,313	19.1
2004	1,694,365	245,827	20.2
2002	1,615,333	137,055	16.5
2000	1,622,131	185,399	17.1
1998	1,513,685	84,160	11.1
1996	1,438,894	150,000	12.9