

Senate Bill 208

Proponent

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Honorable Chairman and Committee Members,

As someone who was concerned about election integrity this past year, I took it upon myself to investigate Johnson County election process and focused in on the ballot drop box part of the procedure. What I found (from the 2021 fall election) was that often times the election office failed to live up to their stated procedures, but when confronted on it they would reply that the Kansas legislature had the ultimate responsibility for regulating election integrity. It was a frustrating cycle to observe and try to chase down.

Please secure the ballot drop boxes by making sure they are video-taped with high grade high resolution equipment and make those videos available upon request to anyone who asks for them. Please also ensure that the boxes are always locked when not in use and that ballots are retrieved by a minimum of 2 people from different political parties and their names and signatures are clearly documented.

Johnson County failed on most of these points above in 2021 and has evaded all questioning and accountability since then.

Thank you

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