



Testimony in Support of HB 2020

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Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee on Elections,

My name is Audrey Perry Martin, and I'm a visiting fellow at the Opportunity Solutions Project. OSP is a non-partisan, non-profit organization. We work in more than 40 states across the country with one goal—to help more people achieve the American Dream. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2020, which proposes measures to ensure the integrity of voter registration rolls by removing non-citizens from the rolls. This initiative not only strengthens the integrity of the state's electoral system, but also aligns with best practices adopted by other states to ensure accurate and reliable voter rolls.

HB 2020 proposes a proactive approach to mitigate concerns about the potential for unauthorized voting by facilitating the cross-checking of DMV data with voter registration records. Importantly, this bill includes safeguards to ensure that individuals who are inadvertently removed from the rolls have the opportunity to be reinstated upon providing proof of citizenship, thereby preserving the rights of eligible voters while enhancing public confidence in the electoral process.

Lessons From Other States

In Florida, the Division of Elections collaborates with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to identify potential noncitizens on voter rolls. This process involves cross-checking DMV records and notifying individuals identified for potential removal. Florida's efforts have resulted in more accurate voter rolls and increased public trust in elections.¹

Georgia's Secretary of State conducts audits utilizing the SAVE (Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements) program to verify the citizenship status of potential non-citizens who may have registered to vote. This process uses information from the Georgia Department of Driver Services to identify individuals who may be non-citizens according to documents they have previously provided to DDS.²

Why HB 2020 is Needed

Implementing HB 2020 will provide Kansas with a reliable mechanism to verify voter eligibility while ensuring compliance with federal and state laws. It creates a transparent system through which the integrity of elections is safeguarded without imposing undue burdens on eligible voters. By learning from the successes and challenges of other states, Kansas can tailor its approach to meet the unique needs of our communities.

¹ Fla. Stat. Ann. § 98.093.

² "Raffensperger Announces "Only American Citizen Voting" Audit," Office of Georgia Secretary of State Raffensperger (2024), sos.ga.gov/news/raffensperger-announces-only-american-citizen-voting-audit .

In closing, I strongly urge this committee to support HB 2020. It represents a balanced and thoughtful response to concerns about election integrity, aligns with proven practices from other states, and reaffirms Kansas's commitment to upholding the sanctity of the democratic process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions or provide additional information.