

House Elections Committee January 30, 2025 HB 2021

Kansas Association of Counties Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Proctor and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on HB 2021, which would allow the Secretary of State to issue rules and regulations regarding remote ballot boxes.

Remote ballot boxes are an important part of the voting process. Many voters now utilize advance voting as a matter of convenience. Many Kansas county election officers have utilized remote ballot boxes to aid voters in their community in participating in representative government.

HB 2021 would allow the Secretary of State, in consultation with local elections officials, to adopt rules and regulations to offer some consistency in remote ballot boxes, while still respecting local control and the will of communities. KAC supports this legislation as introduced.

It is important and critical that these rules and regulations be developed in consultation with local election officials to ensure that considerations for different voting situations be taken into account, as well as allowing for local control and oversight.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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