

Ethics and Elections Committee
Kansas House of Representatives

I wish to testify against the House Bill 2437, which seeks to unlawfully restrict the rights of voters in Kansas.

* There is no need for the bill. There's been no issue of voter fraud in Kansas, or nationally, except for notable politicians jumping residency requirements.

* There is nothing in the Constitution of the State of Kansas requiring a "photo ID" for citizenship. The Constitution has a clear mechanism for citizen participation in voting upon which current practice is based. If lawmakers wish to amend the Constitution, a mechanism exists.

* House Bill 2437 introduces requirements restricting participation that are not in the Constitution, and if passed it will be found unconstitutional when challenged.

It's disgraceful for politicians of one party to pass bogus laws with short lifetime in the hopes of influencing elections, impeding to the rule of Law, and ignoring the Constitution of the State.

It sends a signal of political weakness, and manipulation, that is negative to a party's own supporters.

I urge the House to have the moral conviction not to imitate illegal and socially harmful practices seen in other states, which lack the standards of courage and decency of Kansas. Even in the worst case, the current House representatives have a sufficiently solid majority they do no need to willfully act against the Constitution, and rig elections, in order to maintain their power.

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