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### **FIRST LARGE-SCALE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHOTO ID LAW A SUCCESS**

TOPEKA (November 29, 2012) – Today, the state board of canvassers conducted the final canvass for all national and state elections. “The general election of 2012 went very smoothly across the state,” observed Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach. “There were no reported problems regarding the photo identification requirement. I watched the voting process at several polling places, and numerous voters expressed their support for the law.”

Out of 1,182,771 votes cast, only 838 provisional ballots were issued due to lack of sufficient photo ID at the time the vote was cast. That amounts to 0.07 percent of all votes cast, 7/100ths of one percent, or less than one in 1,000 ballots. After 306 of those 838 voters presented photo ID before the county canvass to make their votes count, it dropped to 0.04 percent of all votes cast (532 votes).

These statistics lend further support to the conclusion that very few Kansans lacked photo ID. From January 1 to September 30, only 120 voters requested a free photo ID from the state, declaring they did not have any of the nine acceptable forms of identification. The official number of registered voters for the general election was 1,771,252 Kansans.

Kobach's predicted turnout of 68% was a mere 1.2 percent difference from the actual turnout of 66.8 percent. The actual turnout was virtually the same as the last general election in a presidential year that included no U.S. Senate race. In the year 2000, the turnout was 66.7 percent – virtually the same as the turnout this year.

Secretary Kobach urges Kansans who are registering to vote for the first time to remember to provide proof of United States citizenship beginning January 1, 2013. For a list of acceptable forms of proof of citizenship, visit [www.gotVoterID.com](http://www.gotVoterID.com).