



TO: Chair Senator Olson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

DATE: Hearing Wednesday, **February 16, 2022**; **WRITTEN-ONLY TESTIMONY**

RE: OPPONENT; SB391, Requiring the secretary of state and county election officers to develop a ballot system showing the number of years an incumbent has served in the office

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The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes SB391.

We believe that adding the number of years served in that office is:

- unnecessary clutter on what are often very busy ballots.
- one of the less determining factors that influences a voter.
- superfluous because a candidate may be new to the office sought but has been in similar government positions for decades.
- less important than how a candidate decides issues and the candidate's values or attitudes.

On a practical matter, we have some questions:

- Would this be in effect for all candidates, down to Township or Water board office?
- Would candidates be required to submit this information?
- Would interrupted terms be counted?
- Would it count if the candidate is in a different district after moving or redistricting?

We ask you to vote NO on SB391 because it would clutter the ballot and is information that a voter is able to readily access before voting.