



Thursday, 28 January 2021

To: House Elections Committee, Chairman Representative Blake Carpenter, Vice Chair, Representative Emil Bergquist, Ranking Minority Representative Vic Miller, and members of the committee.

From: The League of Women Voters of Kansas, Cille King and Teresa Briggs, Co-Presidents

RE: HB 2054 – limiting who and how many advance ballots may be delivered.

Dear Members of the House Committee on Elections,

Please vote NO on HB 2054.

Do not limit delivery of advanced ballots to only relatives and caregivers, nor limit the number of ballots that a person can deliver. Kansas law already provides security for advance ballots by requiring name and signature for anyone other than the voter who delivers ballots.

Today's society includes many single people living without relatives nearby. Do not deny them the ability to have their friend or neighbor deliver their ballot.

This change to the current law would also limit and perhaps negate the ability to cast a ballot for those who are in the hospital, long-term care facilities, or waiting in jail for a trial.

The League of Women Voters works to empower all citizens to be informed voters. We assist people to know how to register to vote and provide information on advance ballot options. And in 2020, during the pandemic and the delays with the postal service, one of our dedicated members assisted retirement homes and long term care facilities by providing applications for advanced ballots, and returned to collect, sign and deliver any advance ballot that was still there, to the county election office.

Please don't make voting harder for those who happen to be ill, quarantined, unable to drive, detained, or even just very busy.

Please vote NO on HB 2054.

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