

TESTIMONY  
OF  
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KANSAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for your service to our state and giving me the opportunity to share my concerns about our current election processes in the state of Kansas and offer what I feel are common sense solutions to the challenges we face in restoring trust in our election process.

One of the fundamental rights a citizen of the United States has is the ability to vote to elect those who will represent them.

Over the past several years we have changed the parameters of who, when and where we can vote in our local, state, and national elections.

In a time when we are the most informed and mobile electorate in the history of our country, we treat our citizens as if they cannot get to the polls on time, do not know where their polling place is, cannot find their ID or have moved and have not updated their voter registration to make sure they are in the correct polling jurisdiction.

Election day is published months in advance and in the case of national elections years in advance. In an age of technology when you can find out almost anything on the internet, we treat people as if they are limited in their ability to be able to vote on time.

Because of this we now have:

- Mail in voting (for any reason).
- Early voting for those who cannot make it to the polls on election day.
- We have people who can deliver our ballots for us.
- If for some reason our mail in ballot does not get to the election office on time, we are giving people a three-day grace period for their vote to be counted.
- We now have drop boxes for those who cannot afford a stamp and mail in their ballot.
- We have third party organizations sending out mail in ballots even though they were not requested by registered voters.

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- We are allowing unregistered voters to register on election day to vote.
- We are using technology that has been shown to have problems accurately recording votes.
- We have voter rolls that are not updated as needed and this allows for possible voter irregularities.

I believe these voter issues could be greatly reduced by simply implementing the following voting procedures:

- Voters are to be American citizens.
- Voters must be registered to vote.
- Voters must have a valid photo ID.
- We need to go back to paper ballots instead of using electronic voting machines.
- There should be no three-day grace period for receiving ballots for elections.
- Do not allow ballot harvesting in Kansas.
- Remove all ballot drop boxes except those at County Offices which have 24 hour a day video surveillance to make sure citizens only drop off their ballots. These drop boxes should be closed the day before elections so that the ballots can be counted on election day.

By enforcing the rules in place today for voting in Kansas as well as going back to paper ballots and all ballots being received by election day, I believe we can restore more confidence in the election process and outcomes here in the State of Kansas.

Respectfully,  
John Stepnoski