



Date of Testimony: Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Bill Number: SB 366 - Requiring that county election officers receive a request for an application for an advance voting ballot from a voter before mailing such application to such voter.

Disposition: Opponent; Written and Virtual Testimony

From: Cille King, League of Women Voters of Kansas, Advocacy Chair

To: Chair Senator Thompson and members of the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs

The League of Women Voters of Kansas appreciate the opportunity to address the Senate Committee regarding the sending of mailed ballot applications.

The League opposes SB 366 for two reasons, it unnecessarily regulates county election office's work, and it's likely to increase costs for the election offices.

SB 366 imposes restrictions on the operations of election offices in matters that should be determined by those offices to meet the needs of their staff and the county residents.

This bill adds a step, and perhaps the cost, in the process of voters getting a mailed ballot. Some counties currently mass mail ballot applications to their voters, thus eliminating the need for more staff to handle individual telephone and email requests for ballot applications to be mailed. Also, as more voters advance vote, the less staff and equipment is needed at polling sites on election day. More advance voters often eliminate long lines at the polls on election day.

We ask that you vote NO on SB 366 and leave county election offices to do their critical work.