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**Testimony on SB43 (neutral, written)**

Senate Ethics, Elections & Local Government Committee  
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Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Committee:

I offer this neutral testimony on behalf of the Office of Secretary of State on SB43 - allowing for same day voter registration in Kansas.

If implemented, SB43 would have a fundamental change to Kansas election operations. A few weeks ago, Secretary Schwab appeared before this committee offering an overview of the office and asked lawmakers to refrain from making any dramatic changes to state election laws so we could visit with county clerks and train and educate staff on the many constitutional requirements of the office.

Thoughtful time and deliberation are essential to implementing the substantial change proposed under SB43. Although this proposal has benefits, equal concerns exist with the impact it may have on election security, county election officials and the Kansas electorate. We are committed to working with lawmakers and local election officials to review these proposals and seek feedback from other states where such practices are already in effect. Respectfully, we ask the Committee to give our office time to review SB43 and similar subject matter causing major changes to Kansas election law.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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