

I urge committee members not to move SB 153 forward.

**SB 153 makes it harder to register to vote and harder to cast a ballot.** Many people do not have the kind of documentation required by this bill, and getting such a document will require an in-person visit to the Board of Elections (BOE) for many people. Kansas revoked similar proof of citizen requirements after 12% of eligible voters were unable to register. Furthermore, the bill bans dropboxes, making it harder to vote. And anyone whose BOE data isn't an exact match with their BMV record (e.g. because they've moved, because one record is missing a middle initial) would have to cast a provisional ballot.

**SB 153 dumps unfunded mandates on our local Boards of Elections.** BOEs would be saddled with onerous record-keeping, yet more provisional ballots, and additional petition validation mandates, all without additional support.

**SB 153 undermines citizen petitions.** It threatens petition committee members and petition circulators with politically motivated investigations. And finicky new requirements would make it even harder to gather enough signatures for a ballot initiative.

**Please stop this dangerous bill.**