

February 3, 2020

To: House Committee on Elections

Re: Support for HB 2512, which amends K.S.A. 2019 Supp. 25-2701 to authorize Sedgwick County voters on 2020 election days to vote at any polling place.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The League of Women Voters Wichita-Metro (LWV) urges the Election Committee to pass this non-partisan bill.

Sedgwick County has the experience and secure technology to implement "vote anywhere" elections in 2020 and has been doing so for several years during the Advance Voting periods of primary and general elections. We know personally that voters greatly benefit from choosing to vote at convenient polling places near their workplace, school, or home.

The "vote anywhere" provision was passed, nearly unanimously, in 2019 and signed into law. It is clearly the will of the people and our elected representatives to implement this process. We understand the need for being thoroughly prepared, and submit to you that Sedgwick County has demonstrated the capability and has in depth experience to administer this procedure efficiently and securely for our voters.

We note there are 26 representatives, of both parties, that sponsored HB 2512. Please approve and move this Bill to the floor as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

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