February 8, 2017 Kansas House Committee on Elections **Testimony on SB 8**

Chairman Esau and Members of the Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Kansas supports the principles and facts underlying Senate Bill 8 which alters the deadline for mail in ballots. The closing of U.S. Post Distribution Centers have caused delays in mail-in ballot delivery in many parts of Kansas, adding hundreds to those provisional ballot "discards" which could be counted under this corrective legislation. SB 8 will help our state election law meet the needs of the voter, especially evidenced by the increase in mail in ballots across the state. We want every vote to be counted.

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