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### **Secretary of State Kobach Discusses Secure Elections at NASS**

TOPEKA (July 12, 2011) –This morning in West Virginia, Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach addressed his colleagues at the summer conference of the National Association of Secretaries of State. He told the conference about issues arising in Kansas with aliens registering to vote and casting a ballot.

Kobach listed four states – Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, and Alabama – that have now passed legislation that requires people to produce proof of citizenship when they register to vote. He told conferees it is up to each state to decide how they want to approach this issue.

“People realize this is not a Republican issue. This is not a Democrat issue. This is an American issue,” said Kobach. “We all want security in the knowledge that an election was fair, and that the winner of the election was the person who really won the race. And that applies whether you’re a Democrat or Republican.”

The Kansas Secure and Fair Elections Act, also known as the SAFE Act, requires newly registered Kansas voters to prove U.S. citizenship beginning January 2013, all voters to show photo identification when voting in person beginning January 2012, and all signatures of voters who vote by mail to be verified beginning January 2012.