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### **President Obama's Commission on Election Administration Invites Kobach to Testify**

TOPEKA (September 18, 2013) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach has been invited to testify at a hearing of the Presidential Commission on Election Administration in Cincinnati, Ohio on September 20. “The Kansas Project on Voter Registration List Maintenance” is the topic Kobach will address through spoken testimony, followed by a question and answer session with the Commission.

“For nine years Kansas has been a leader in keeping voter rolls clean by running the Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program,” said Kobach. “It is an honor to be invited to offer best practices to the Commission.”

The crosscheck program compares voter registration records annually among the participating states to identify duplicate registrations and double votes. It is a tool states can use to maintain clean, current and accurate voter lists and to fight voter fraud by removing duplicate names from the voter rolls.

In 2005 the crosscheck program began as an agreement between four Midwestern states – Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Over the years the project has grown to its present size of 26 states. The four original states comprised approximately 9 million voter registration records. The 2014 database will compare approximately 95 million voter registration records.

The 26 participating states are: Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington.

Established by President Obama's Executive Order on March 28, 2013, the mission of the Commission is to identify best practices in election administration and to make recommendations to improve the voting experience.