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### KOBACH'S COLUMN

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On Thursday June 9, Alabama Governor Robert Bentley signed SB 56 into law. Among other things, the bill includes the provisions of the Kansas SAFE Act requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote. The wording of this election provision in SB 56 matches Kansas law, verbatim. And I assisted Alabama's legislative leaders in drafting the law.

When we passed the SAFE Act in Kansas, I said it was my hope that other states would copy the Kansas model, so that elections in other states could be secured too. That hope is already becoming a reality, with the signing of Alabama's SB 56.

Kansas has become the leader in stopping election fraud. I encourage every state in the union to join Kansas in this effort.

Your Secretary of State,  
Kris Kobach

P.S. Did you know that our office appoints each notary public in Kansas? The notary public prevents fraud and forgery by acting as an official, unbiased witness to the identity of the person who signs a document. Learn about applying to become a Kansas notary public as well as the responsibilities of a Kansas notary public by visiting [www.sos.ks.gov](http://www.sos.ks.gov) and clicking on the notary public image.