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KOBACH APPOINTS SHAWNEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONER

TOPEKA (September 17, 2012) – Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach announced today the appointment of Andrew Howell as the Shawnee County Election Commissioner to fill an unexpired term. The vacancy occurred when Elizabeth “Libby” Ensley Deiter resigned to accept an appointment as magistrate judge of the 22nd District Court. Howell will assume the new role today until the term expires in 2014.

Formerly a state representative, Howell has also been the president of a company in the contracting business as well as a patrol officer for the Fort Scott Police Department.

“I am confident that Andrew will be an excellent Election Commissioner for Shawnee County and will ensure that elections in Shawnee County are fair, smoothly run and secure,” said Kobach.

“I am pleased to have been selected and honored to serve in this position of trust,” Howell said. “My experience as a member of the Shawnee County business community, my law enforcement experience and my years in the Kansas legislature will assist me in carrying out the significant responsibilities of this office.”