

Woodson County Resolution 12-05

A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE USE OF STICKERS ON BALLOTS COUNTED BY OPTICAL SCANNING SYSTEMS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE WOODSON COUNTY ELECTION OFFICER.

WHEREAS, Woodson County, Kansas, has acquired an optical scanning system to count ballots as authorized by K.S.A. 25-4601 et al., and said system has been approved by the Kansas Secretary of State's Office pursuant to K.S.A. 25-4603; and

WHEREAS, Kansas Attorney General Opinion 94-110 recognizes that the use of stickers for the purpose of casting votes for write-in candidates is 'dependent...on the type of technology used in counting and tabulating votes'; and

WHEREAS, experience has shown that stickers will jam the optical scanning system acquired by Woodson County and will defeat the purpose of said system for tabulating votes in an economical and timely manner.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 25-4609 permits County Election Officer to establish instructions as to marking of optical scanned ballots; and

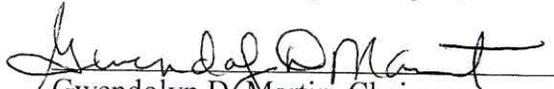
WHEREAS, the County Election Officer desires to prohibit the use of stickers to cast votes for write-in candidates.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WOODSON COUNTY, KANSAS:

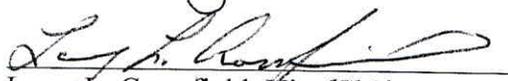
That the use of stickers to cast votes for write-in candidates is prohibited and any votes cast for write-in candidates shall be hand written on the ballot and said hand written votes shall be counted if the voter's intent can be derived from the ballot, regardless of spelling or the failure to state the full name of the write-in candidate.

Adopted this 23rd day of August, 2012.

Approved:


Gwendolyn D. Martin, Chairman

Kris W. Kobach
Kansas Secretary of State


Larry L. Crossfield, Vice Chairman

Attest:


John S. Weseloh, Member


Shelley A. Stuber, County Clerk