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Kansas City Election Board Readies Voters for August 2 Primary Election

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (July 26, 2016) – The Kansas City Board of Election Commissioners (KCEB) announces details for the upcoming August 2 election. Following are the specifics to ensure that voters have the information needed to participate.

<u>Date, Time, Place</u>: The election will be held Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Poll hours are 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

What's on the Ballot?

Kansas City voters will be choosing party candidates which will advance to the general election. Those races include:

U.S. Senator, Missouri Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, U.S. Representative (District 5), State Senator, State Representative, Jackson County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney and Sheriff. Also on the ballots are Jackson County Committeemen and Committeewomen races and Kansas City Question 1

Sample ballots are available online at <u>www.kceb.org</u>.

<u>What's New?</u> KCEB is preparing for the 2016 presidential election cycle by testing several new procedures it hopes will enhance the voter experience. Most voters will not notice or be impacted by these "tests."

- 1) New check- in procedure designed to reduce processing time at all polling locations.
- 2) Newly updated E-Poll Books-- updated software to ensure fast and accurate retrieval of voter information.

Absentee Voting: The last day to request an absentee ballot by mail is Wednesday, July 27. In-person absentee voting ends Monday, August 1, at 5:00 p.m. All mail-in

absentee voting ballots must be received by the election office, no later than 7:00 p.m. on Election Day- August 2. Military absentee ballots are due by Friday, August 5th by noon.

In Missouri, voters must have one of the following six reasons in order to qualify for absentee voting:

- 1) Away from one's voting jurisdiction on Election Day
- 2) Religious restrictions
- 3) Incapacitated, hospitalized or homebound, or caring for a person who is confined
- 4) Working at the polls as an election authority employee
- 5) Incarcerated, but eligible to vote
- 6) Participant in Missouri "Safe at Home" program

<u>Polls</u>: Voters may find their polling location online at <u>www.kceb.org</u> by entering a last name and birth date in the *Check Your Voter Status* box, or by clicking on the *Poll* link on the KCEB homepage.

<u>Election Notice Cards</u>: Eligible voters were sent an election notice postcard. The polling location and address are printed on each election notice card. Voters whose polls have changed will be reminded on their card, or sent a letter.

<u>Voter Identification</u>: Voters may present several forms of identification including:

- 1) Missouri or out-of-state driver's license
- 2) Local, State or Federal government issued I.D. (employee, passport, social security card, military, etc.)
- 3) Missouri higher education I.D. (college or university)
- 4) Local election authority issued I.D.
- 5) Current bank statement, utility bill, government paycheck, regular paycheck or government document containing the voter's name and current address

Photo identification is not required to vote in Missouri.

Additional Facts:

Number of Polls: 142 Number of Precincts: 388

Total Registered Voters: 213,264 Estimated Election Cost: \$677,417.00

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