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Kansas House Re-opens Kobach's Voter-Citizenship Debate
Secretary of State Kris Kobach's proposal to start requiring first-time Kansas voters to produce proof of their U.S. citizenship next month has been revived in the state House.

House members gave the measure first-round approval Tuesday on a 67-53 vote and expect to take final action Wednesday.

Kansas has a proof-of-citizenship requirement for first-time voters, but it doesn't take effect until January.

Kobach wants the rule in place June 15, in time for a normal surge of registrations before a presidential election. Critics say the requirement will suppress voter turnout.

The House approved a version of Kobach's proposal in February, but that measure is stuck in a Senate committee.

Supporters hope if the House passes another version, the Senate will approve the measure without having its committee consider it first.

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