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**January date set for complaint filed with Secretary of State's office**

A hearing has been scheduled by the Secretary of State's office for the purpose of taking testimony associated with a voting complaint. This is the second complaint filed in Nebraska under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) in connection with the 2012 general election.

The hearing will take place 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2013 in Conference Room A, lower level of the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South.

The complaint, filed by Adam Morfeld of Nebraskans for Civic Reform, alleges that voters at certain precincts in Douglas County were denied the right to vote on Election Day when they were asked to provide a voter identification number before receiving a provisional ballot.

Robert D. Kinsey, Jr., has been appointed to serve as the hearing officer for the proceeding. Kinsey is partner in the law firm of Kinsey Rowe Becker & Kistler in Lincoln. He has been with the firm since its founding in 1990.

The hearing officer will receive testimony regarding the alleged violation and review the relevant law. He will determine if any violation occurred. If that is the case, the hearing officer will issue recommendations to the Secretary of State for remediation. If there is no violation, the hearing officer will issue a written finding dismissing the complaint.

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