

## GLI 2019 Statewide Candidate Survey

### Heather French Henry for Secretary of State

#### **1. As Secretary of State, what would be your office's top legislative priorities in Frankfort?**

- 1) Asking for an increase in per precinct funding to help County Clerks afford the high cost of elections.
- 2) Create legislation that would change our voting systems from electronic voting machines to paper ballots.

#### **2. What steps would you take to ensure safe and secure elections in Kentucky?**

The Secretary of State is one of two state officials in Kentucky who has a security clearance with the Department of Homeland Security. Overall, our election system is very secure. To prevent election interference, every voting machine in Kentucky should have an automatic paper audit. This is already the process on many counties in the state. Some counties use direct-recording electronic machines, which makes a post-election paper audit impossible. However, a post-election audit ensures equipment is working correctly and that election results are accurate. Again, I do not want to impose an unfunded mandate onto our county clerks, but I believe in expanding the paper audit, which is already present in many counties.

#### **3. How can the Secretary of State's office improve its services for businesses?**

It's important that the office help reduce red tape, streamline filing procedures, communicate with businesses about changes in the law like a rules and regulations tracking system, leverage data to affect state investment or business offerings and the creation of a strong business network outreach community.

#### **4. What role do you believe the Secretary of State's office should play in encouraging voter engagement and electoral participation?**

The Secretary of State's office should be a champion for increasing voter participation and engagement. I will be a Secretary of State that will demonstrate a bipartisan approach that will be inclusive of all voters and citizens. By working to create a civil discourse and educating citizens about the importance of engaging in the electoral process, I believe we will see an increase in interest and in participation.