

## **Testimony for the House Veterans and Military Committee 14 February 2023**

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify for HB 2230 today on behalf of the Adjutant General's Department.

Chapter 48 outlines the makeup and operations of the Militia and Defense of the State of Kansas. This includes the administrative, operational, and disciplinary structure of the Kansas Army and Air National Guard.

Since the initial adoption in 1901 of many of the provisions of Chapter 48, and the last significant revision in 1988, the structure and operations of the Kansas National Guard and that of the other 53 National Guards in the United States have drastically changed. Army Regulations, Air Force Instructions, policies, and procedure now fill previous gaps that required attention of the States. For example, the United States Army now has a robust regulation concerning the collection of amounts owed for lost equipment, negating the need for the utilization and existence of K.S.A. 48-219.

The proposed changes would include updating and removing antiquated provisions from Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 as well as ensuring consistency of language concerning selection, qualifications, and appointment of Judge Advocates.

This modernization of the language in Chapter 48 would ensure that the Kansas National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are following statutes that are in line with Army and Air Force Regulations.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak today.

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