

Approved: 3-18-93
Date

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Marvin Smith at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 1993 in Room 521-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except: Representative Tom Bradley (Excused)
Representative Ruby Gilbert (Excused)
Representative Delbert Gross (Excused)
Representative Sheila Hochhauser

Committee staff present: Carolyn Rampey, Legislative Research Department
Dennis Hodgins, Legislative Research Department
Arden Ensley, Revisor of Statutes
Nancy Kippes, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Senator Sheila Frahm
Senator Al Ramirez
Jim Cranford, Heart of America Chapter, International Conference of Building Officials
Rich Sternadori, Western Kansas Chapter, International Conference of Building Officials
Tim Pinnick, Heart of America Chapter, International Conference of Building Officials
Joe de la Torre, Secretary of State's Office

Others attending: See attached list

Hearing on:

SB 93 - examinations required of building contractors.

Senator Sheila Frahm testified in support of SB 93 and also gave testimony from Senator Lana Oleen, who could not be present (Attachment 1).

Senator Al Ramirez testified in support of SB 93, stating this bill would allow contractors to take one of two state recognized tests rather than having only one recognized test (Attachment 2). This would provide standardized testing and would provide an alternative.

Jim Cranford, Heart of American Chapter of International Conference of Building Officials, appeared in support of SB 93, saying this alternate examination would save contractors 75%-80% of costs presently incurred (Attachment 3).

Rich Sternadori, Western Kansas Chapter, International Conference of Building Officials, testified in support of SB 93, advising Governmental Municipalities unanimously support this new examination resource (Attachment 4).

Written testimony from Thomas Slattery, Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc., in support of SB 93, was handed out (Attachment 5).

Action on:

SB 44 - lobbying; exceptions to restrictions on gifts and contributions.

Representative Wells made a motion to adopt the subcommittee report on SB 44 as reflected in the balloon handed out (Attachment 6). Representative Hendrix seconded. Motion carried.

CONTINUATION SHEET

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND ELECTIONS, Room 521-S Statehouse, at 9:00 a.m. on March 17, 1993.

Representative Ballard made a motion to amend SB 44 with the balloon handed out (Attachment 7), which says that a member of the legislature can accept honoraria for giving a speech that is totally unrelated to the position as a legislator as long as the legislator is not being asked to speak primarily because of being a legislator (Attachment 7). Representative Macy seconded. After discussion, motion carried.

Representative Dawson moved for favorable passage of SB 44 as amended. Representative O'Connor seconded. Motion carried.

Hearing on:

SB 126 - electricians competency examination.

Tim Pinnick, Heart of America Chapter of International Conference of Building Officials, testified in support of SB 126 (Attachment 8). This bill would continue the use of the current standards for examinations for electricians, which code must be revised every three years.

SB 113 - elections; location of voting squares on ballot.

Joe de la Torre, Secretary of State's Office, testified in support of SB 113, which will bring uniformity to the ballot format by having the voting square on the left for primary elections and presidential preference primary elections as well as the general election which was changed to the left last year (Attachment 9).

Action on:

SB 50 - applying state governmental ethics laws to the Kansas technology enterprise corporation.

Representative Haulmark made a motion for favorable passage of SB 50 and placement on the Consent Calendar. Representative McKechnie seconded. Motion carried.

SB 52 - applying state governmental ethics laws to Kansas development finance authority.

Representative Dillon moved favorable passage of SB 52 and placement on the Consent Calendar. Representative Macy seconded. Motion carried.

Representative Dillon moved approval of the minutes for March 16, 1993 as submitted. Representative Cox seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 1993.

LANA OLEEN
SENATOR, 22ND DISTRICT
RILEY AND GEARY COUNTIES



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SENATE CHAMBER

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March 17, 1993

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 93

Chairman Smith and Members of the Committee:

This legislation was suggested by three (3) Kansas Chapters of the International Conference of Building Officials (I.C.B.O.).

As former Chairman of the Governmental Organization Committee, I have had an opportunity to work with the I.C.B.O. and other interested parties regarding reciprocal licensure.

This bill allows for an additional building contractor licensing examination for municipal jurisdictions to sponsor. After reviewing the subject, it appears to me that this exam allows for high availability while being much more cost effective. I believe the I.C.B.O. exam allows for a network of educational support while placing building officials and contractors at the same uniform level of model building code.

Senator Lana Oleen

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AL RAMIREZ
SENATOR, FIFTH DISTRICT
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SENATE CHAMBER

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL CLAIMS AGAINST THE STATE

Testimony on SB 93 before the
House Governmental Organization Committee

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee:

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today to speak on S.B. 93, which will allow general contractors, building contractors, and residential contractors to take either one of two state recognized tests to determine their qualification for licensure by local units of government which require testing and licensing of contractors.

Currently, there is only one state approved test for general contractors, building contractors, and residential contractors to take. That test is prepared by Block and Associates of Gainesville, Florida. Adding a second test has been advocated by conferees who appeared before the Senate Committee on Governmental Organization, including the Western Kansas Chapter of the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) and the Heart of America Chapter of ICBO.

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The second test which would be recognized in statute as state approved would be prepared by the International conference of Building Officials of Kansas City, Missouri.

Any state approved test must be recognized in all Kansas jurisdictions which require testing as a requisite for licensure in order to allow contractors to be licensed in several jurisdictions without having to take different tests in each locale. By adding a second test which would be offered at many locations through Kansas, especially the western part of the state, we would assist the building community which now must come to eastern Kansas in order to take the Block and Associates examination.



Heart of America Chapter

International Conference of Building Officials

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, my name is Jim Cranford, I am appearing before you today to speak in support of Senate Bill 93.

I am speaking on behalf of the Heart of America Chapter which is an Association of code enforcement officers.

It is our unanimous experience that examinations provided for inspectors by the International Conference of Building Officials have proven to be an equitable and competent testing standard that is utilized in 33 states.

This amendment will allow a viable alternative resource for building contractors across the state who wish to participate in the reciprocity program.

The proposed alternate examination process would save contractors 75 to 80 percent of costs presently incurred.

Additionally, the amendment will give builders the opportunity to become certified on an equal technical basis with the building inspectors in an available, practical and inexpensive manner.

On behalf of the Heart of America Chapter and the many independent contractors who have requested an alternate exam provider, we urge your support of Senate Bill 93.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Western Kansas Chapter
I.C.B.O.



March 12, 1993

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Mr. Chairman, members of the Committee, My name is Rich Sternadori. My position is with the City of El Dorado as the Building Official/Zoning Administrator. I am appearing before you today to voice support for Senate Bill No. 93.

I speak as the 1993 President of the Western Kansas Chapter of Building Officials. Our Chapter consists of 36 municipalities spread across Western Kansas. I am also the author of the enclosed letter of support from over 100 City Building Officials in Kansas. This letter has been sent to Senators Al Ramirez, Senator Lana Oleen and Senator Sheila Frahm.

As Governmental Municipalities, we speak in unanimous support for the International Conference of Building Officials examination resource, known as Senate Bill 93.

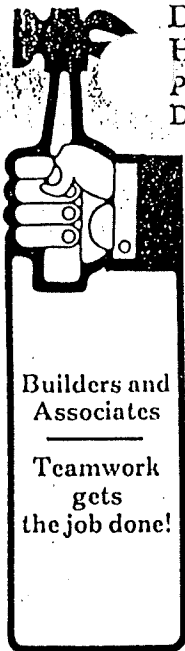
Your support for this amendment will allow an affordable and equitable testing standard to be administered state wide. Its passage will place building inspection departments and builders on equal footing technically.

We include herein a letter of support from the Dodge City based National Association of Home builders.

Thank you for you time and attention.

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Dodge City Area
Homebuilders Associatic
P.O. Box 1376
Dodge City, Kansas 67801



October 24, 1991

Rich Sternadori
Building Official and V.P. ICBO
Western Kansas Division
P.O. Box 880
Dodge City, KS 67801

In response to your questions concerning changing to the ICBO System of, testing and licensing of general contractors, and subs, in Dodge City, Kansas.

I have talked to several of our members and received the following comments:

1. Most of us are in favor of changing to the ICBO if:
 - A. The existing Block Licensed people were "grandfathered in" without retesting.
 - B. If the ICBO test were more realistic and fit our part of the country better than Block.
 - C. If you and other building officials could administer this code in a fair, practical and common sense manner.
 - D. If the tests were hard enough and detailed enough to bring out practical experience and job experience as well as the book smart ability in taking a test.
2. We are in favor of ICBO but would like some code books and more information.

Sincerely,

Fred Stewart
President

FS/mg

City of
EL DORADO
KANSAS

January 28, 1993

Senator Al Ramirez
913 Sheidley
Bonner Springs, Kansas 66012

Dear Senator Ramirez:

As the presidents of the three Kansas Chapters of the International Conference of Building Officials (I.C.B.O.), we have drafted this letter to express our mutual support for the enclosed amendment proposal to statute 12-1556.

We, the undersigned, speak in a concerted voice supporting the addition of wording to the statute which will allow I.C.B.O. as a second resource for building contractor licensing examinations.

Seperatly, the three Kansas I.C.B.O. Chapters, are known as the Kansas City Metro, Heart of America and Western Kansas Chapters. Collectively we represent over 100 municipal and county jurisdictions across Kansas. It is our unanimous experience that the I.C.B.O. examinations will provide an equitable and competent testing standard for the Kansas construction industry.

Offering a viable resource alternative to jurisdictions and building contractors (based on the internationally utilized I.C.B.O. "Uniform Building Code",) our amendment will give builders and municipal authorities the means to build and monitor construction on equal technical footing in a practical, available and inexpensive manner.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the amendment proposal. We hereby respectfully request an amendment to statute section 12-1556.

Please call me at 316-321-9100 ext. 211, if I may be of assistance.

Respectfully yours:

Rich Sternadori, C.B.O.
President I.C.B.O.
Western Kansas Chapter

John McCann, President I.C.B.O.
Metro Kansas City Chapter

Glen Wiltse, President I.C.B.O.
Heart of America Chapter



TESTIMONY ON SB 93

HOUSE GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

BY THOMAS E. SLATTERY, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF KANSAS, INC.

MARCH 17, 1993

Chairman Smith and members of the Committee I regret that I am out of state on March 17th when you conduct a hearing on SB 93. Please consider my written testimony.

AGC of Kansas does not have a position on whether unites of government should or should not require licensure of building contractors. We do, however, have a strong position supporting reciprocity or the ability of a contractor to bid and do work in another city that requires licensure without having to be re-tested once he has been licensed elsewhere in the state. This was accomplished by the legislature in 1989 with passage of HB 2124. Since then this concept has worked well.

SB 93 would provide an option to local units of government. It would allow them to use the test prepared by the

Associated General Contractors of Kansas, Inc.

200 W. 33rd, Topeka, KS 66611

(913) 266-4015

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International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) in place of the Block Test which is currently the recognized test. We believe the ICBO test is just as valid and would be just as appropriate as Block. Our Board of Directors has taken a position in favor of SB 93 and we encourage its passage.

Thank you.

SENATE BILL No. 44

By Committee on Elections, Congressional & Legislative Apportionment and Governmental Standards

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10 AN ACT relating to lobbying state governmental ethics; concerning
11 restrictions on gifts or contributions; amending K.S.A. 1992 Supp.
12 46-237 and 46-271 and repealing the existing sections.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 46-271 is hereby amended to read (a)
16 as follows: 46-271. No lobbyist shall offer, pay, give or make any
17 economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor,
18 hospitality, or service having an aggregate value of \$40 or more in
19 any calendar year to any state officer or employee or candidate for
20 state office with a major purpose of influencing such officer or em-
21 ployee in the performance of official duties or prospective official
22 duties. ~~Hospitality in the form of recreation, food and beverages and
23 publications published on a regular basis and official
24 publications of trade and professional associations official
25 publications published on a regular basis by trade associations, pro-
26 fessional associations, foundations, and tax exempt organizations
27 when provided by the lobbyist therefor, are presumed not to be
28 given to influence a state officer or employee or candidate for state
29 office in the performance of official duties, except when a particular
30 course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon.~~

31 Except when a particular course of official action is to be followed (c)
32 as a condition thereon, this section shall not apply to (1) any con-
33 tribution reported in compliance with the campaign finance act as
34 amended, or (2) a commercially reasonable loan or other commercial
35 transaction in the ordinary course of business.

36 See. 2. K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 46-271 is hereby repealed.

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 46-237 is hereby amended to read as
38 follows: 46-237. (a) No state officer or employee or candidate for
39 state office shall accept, or agree to accept any economic opportunity,
40 gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or service
41 having an aggregate value of \$40 or more in any calendar year from
42 any one person known to have a special interest, under circumstances
43 where such person knows or should know that a major purpose of

(b) -The following are presumed not to be given to influence a state officer or employee or candidate for state office in the performance of official duties, except when a particular course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon:

(1) Hospitality in the form of (A) food and beverages, (B.) recreation, or (C.) complimentary registration or tuition for attendance at a meeting, conference, seminar, or other educational program conducted by a trade association, professional association, foundation, or tax exempt organization, unless continuing education credits are awarded to the state officer or employee or candidate for state office for purposes of professional licensure or registration; or

(2) gifts in the form of complimentary subscriptions or other publications published by trade associations, professional associations, foundations, or tax exempt organizations when such publications are published primarily for the benefit of members or subscribers.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term recreation shall not include the providing or the payment of the cost of transportation or lodging.

Notwithstanding the foregoing presumptions, ex parte communications with presiding officers and agencies conducting adjudicative proceedings subject to K.S.A. 77-525, 77-545, 77-546, 77-548 and amendments thereto and other applicable law and administrative regulations are expressly prohibited and are not excepted under this act.

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1 the donor is to influence such person in the performance of their
2 official duties or prospective official duties.

3 (b) No person with a special interest shall offer, pay, give or
4 make any economic opportunity, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount,
5 favor, hospitality or service having an aggregate value of \$40 or
6 more in any calendar year to any state officer or employee or candi-
7 didate for state office with a major purpose of influencing such
8 officer or employee in the performance of official duties or pro-
9 spective official duties.

10 (c) No person licensed, inspected or regulated by a state agency
11 shall offer, pay, give or make any economic opportunity, gift, loan,
12 gratuity, special discount, favor, hospitality, or service having an
13 aggregate value of \$40 or more in any calendar year to such agency
14 or any state officer or employee of that agency with a major purpose
15 of influencing such agency or any state officer or employee of such
16 agency in the performance of official duties or prospective official
17 duties.

18 ~~(d) Hospitality in the form of recreation, food and beverages,~~
19 ~~official publications published on a regular basis and provided at~~
20 ~~no charge or a reduced cost by the publisher, or by agents, employees~~
21 ~~or officers of the publisher, official publications of trade and pro-~~
22 ~~fessional associations, foundations, or other tax-exempt organizations~~
23 ~~provided at no charge or a reduced cost by the publisher, or agents,~~
24 ~~employees or officers thereof, or continuing education seminars pro-~~
25 ~~vided by an organization which usually charges a fee for such sem-~~
26 ~~inar so long as the seminar discusses legislative matters and for~~
27 ~~which continuing education credits may be obtained from a licensing~~
28 ~~agency either in this state or other states, are presumed not to be~~
29 ~~given to influence a state officer or employee in the performance of~~
30 ~~such officer's or employee's official duties or prospective official~~
31 ~~duties, except when a particular course of official action is to be~~
32 ~~followed as a condition thereon. For the purposes of this subsection,~~
33 ~~the term recreation shall not include the providing or the payment~~
34 ~~of the cost of transportation or lodging. For the purposes of this~~
35 ~~subsection, state officers and employees desiring continuing education~~
36 ~~credits for attending such seminars shall pay the full fee or charge,~~
37 ~~if any, which other participants at such seminar pay to receive such~~
38 ~~credits.~~

39 (e) Except when a particular course of official action is to be
40 followed as a condition thereon, this section shall not apply to (1)
41 any contribution reported in compliance with the campaign finance
42 act; or (2) a commercially reasonable loan or other commercial trans-
43 action in the ordinary course of business.

-The following are presumed not to be given to influence a state officer or employee or candidate for state office in the performance of official duties, except when a particular course of official action is to be followed as a condition thereon:

(1) Hospitality in the form of (A) food and beverages, (B) recreation, or (C) complimentary registration or tuition for attendance at a meeting, conference, seminar, or other educational program conducted by a trade association, professional association, foundation, or tax exempt organization, unless continuing education credits are awarded to the state officer or employee or candidate for state office for purposes of professional licensure or registration, or

(2) gifts in the form of complimentary subscriptions or other publications published by trade associations, professional associations, foundations, or tax exempt organizations when such publications are published primarily for the benefit of members or subscribers.

For the purposes of this subsection, the term recreation shall not include the providing or the payment of the cost of transportation or lodging.

Notwithstanding the foregoing presumptions, ex parte communications with presiding officers and agencies conducting adjudicative proceedings subject to K.S.A. 77-525, 77-545, 77-546, 77-548 and amendments thereto and other applicable law and administrative regulations are expressly prohibited and are not excepted under this act.

1 (f) No state officer or employee shall accept any payment of
2 honoraria for any speaking engagement except that a member of the
3 state legislature or a part-time officer or employee of the executive
4 branch of government shall be allowed to receive reimbursement in
5 the preparation for and the making of a presentation at a speaking
6 engagement in an amount fixed by the Kansas commission on gov-
7 ernmental standards and conduct prior to the acceptance of the
8 speaking engagement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
9 prohibit the reimbursement of state officers and employees for rea-
10 sonable expenses incurred in attending seminars, conferences and
11 other speaking engagements.

12 (g) The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to or
13 prohibit the acceptance of gifts from governmental agencies of foreign
14 nations except that any gift accepted from such foreign governmental
15 agency, having an aggregate value of \$100 or more, shall be accepted
16 on behalf of the state of Kansas.

17 (h) No legislator shall solicit any contribution to be made to any
18 organization for the purpose of paying for travel, subsistence and
19 other expenses incurred by such legislator or other members of the
20 legislature in attending and participating in meetings, programs and
21 activities of such organization or those conducted or sponsored by
22 such organization, but nothing in this act or the act of which this
23 act is amendatory shall be construed to prohibit any legislator from
24 accepting reimbursement for actual expenses for travel, subsistence,
25 hospitality, entertainment and other expenses incurred in attending
26 and participating in meetings, programs and activities sponsored by
27 the government of any foreign nation, or any organization organized
28 under the laws of such foreign nation or any international organi-
29 zation or any national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization estab-
30 lished for the purpose of serving, informing, educating and
31 strengthening state legislatures in all states of the nation, when paid
32 from funds of such organization and nothing shall be construed to
33 limit or prohibit the expenditure of funds of and by any such or-
34 ganization for such purposes.

35 Sec. 3. K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 46-237 and 46-271 are hereby
36 repealed.

37 Sec. 3 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after
38 its publication in the statute book.

(f) ~~No state officer or employee shall accept any payment of honoraria for any speaking engagement except that a member of the state legislature or a part-time officer or employee of the executive branch of government shall be allowed to receive reimbursement in the preparation for and the making of a presentation at a speaking engagement in an amount fixed by the Kansas commission on governmental standards and conduct prior to the acceptance of the speaking engagement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the reimbursement of state officers and employees for reasonable expenses incurred in attending seminars, conferences and other speaking engagements.~~

(g) ~~The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to or prohibit the acceptance of gifts from governmental agencies of foreign nations except that any gift accepted from such foreign governmental agency, having an aggregate value of \$100 or more, shall be accepted on behalf of the state of Kansas.~~

(h) ~~No legislator shall solicit any contribution to be made to any organization for the purpose of paying for travel, subsistence and other expenses incurred by such legislator or other members of the legislature in attending and participating in meetings, programs and activities of such organization or those conducted or sponsored by such organization, but nothing in this act or the act of which this act is amendatory shall be construed to prohibit any legislator from accepting reimbursement for actual expenses for travel, subsistence, hospitality, entertainment and other expenses incurred in attending and participating in meetings, programs and activities sponsored by the government of any foreign nation, or any organization organized under the laws of such foreign nation or any international organization or any national, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established for the purpose of serving, informing, educating and strengthening state legislatures in all states of the nation, when paid from funds of such organization and nothing shall be construed to limit or prohibit the expenditure of funds of and by any such organization for such purposes.~~

Sec. 3. ~~K.S.A. 1992 Supp. 46-237 and 46-271 are hereby repealed.~~

Sec. 3 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

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; or (2) honoraria or compensation for any speaking engagement the subject matter of which is unrelated to the officer's or employee's position with the state or any matter before or prospectively before or affecting any part of such officer's or employee's office or employment, except that such officer or employee shall not accept any such honoraria or compensation from any person known to have a special interest, under circumstances where such person knows or should know that a major purpose of the person paying such honoraria or compensation is to influence such officer or employee in the performance of their official duties or prospective official duties.

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TESTIMONY

Heard before: House Committee, Governmental Organization
Presented by: Tim Pinnick, Heart of America Chapter, ICBO
Date: March 17, 1993
Subject: Senate Bill No. 126.

I represent the Heart of America Chapter of the International Association of Building Officials, and I appear before you today in support of Senate Bill No. 126. On July 1, 1986 a law came into effect that established the certification of persons in the building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing trades and occupations. Certification is based upon appropriate standardized examinations and is recognized by county and city enforcing jurisdictions in Kansas.

This bill ensures the continued use of current standards for examinations for master, journey and residential electricians. Questions concerning National Electrical Code comprises most of the examinations' content. The code is revised every three years, and the exam preparer, Block and Associates, revises its examinations accordingly. Block & Associates cycle of new standards for the examination is effective July 1, 1993, and this bill ensures a smooth transition.

I have not encountered any opposition to this legislation.

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#9
Bill Graves
Secretary of State



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Topeka, KS 66612-1594
(913) 296-2236

STATE OF KANSAS

Governmental Organization and Elections

Testimony of Jose de la Torre
Office of the Secretary of State

3-17-93
Senate Bill 113

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 113.

Last year the legislature passed House Bill 2876 which changed the location of the voting square from the right to the left of the candidate's name on the general election ballot.

Senate Bill 113 will bring uniformity to the ballot format by making the same type of change for the primary election and the presidential preference primary election ballots.

I respectfully ask that you pass this bill favorably.

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