

February 23, 2025

Bill: SB 5

Opponent Written Only Testimony

Conferee: Mary Stang

Representing: Self

To Whom This May Concern on the House Elections Committee, Chairman and Members,

My name is Mary Stang and I am a resident of Sedgwick County, Ks. I am writing this testimony in regards to SB 5 regarding nominating and filling vacant elected seats. I am an opponent of any type of selection done by any elected servant for any seat that is vacated for any reason by an elected servant. Regardless of whether they have been appointed for another seat or position or stepped down for any reason if they are elected by We the People then they should be replaced by an election by We the People. It should be a special election if it happens in between normal election cycles. The seat then opens up for the next election term. If the governor is the one picking the elected for any reason then we do not have a Republic. This could and would lead to people being chosen on party bias if the governor is of the opposite party. It could also lead to bribes and nefarious tactics used to get someone put in the seat that might not be qualified. Any election of the servants should always be done by We the People Period. It is stated in the Constitution and is not for debate. If there needs to be people chosen for a vacated seat then the party that the seat is being vacated from should put up the nominees for the election.

Thank You for your time,

Mary Stang

A Proud Lifelong Kansan, American, Mom and Grandma of 3 boys who believes in the Constitution and the Power of We the People