



**Proponent Testimony
House Committee on Elections
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Chair Proctor and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 2447, legislation that establishes a regular presidential preference primary in Kansas beginning in 2028 and every four years thereafter.

House Bill 2447 modernizes and strengthens Kansas's role in the presidential nominating process by aligning our state with a well-defined, nationally recognized election date: the first Tuesday in March. This date is strategically important because it coincides with what is known as Super Tuesday, the largest single day of presidential nominating contests in the United States.

Super Tuesday is significant because of the number of jurisdictions participating. In 2024, sixteen states—along with the U.S. territory of American Samoa—held presidential primaries or caucuses on Super Tuesday. This makes Super Tuesday the most influential primary day in the election cycle, representing more than one-third of available delegates for each major party.

By establishing Kansas's presidential preference primary on this date, HB 2447 ensures Kansas has greater national influence, increased voter participation and engagement, administrative clarity, and efficiency, and predictability for voters.

Greater National Influence

Holding our primary on Super Tuesday places Kansas squarely within the national spotlight. Candidates and national media outlets focus intensely on Super Tuesday states because of the volume of delegates awarded. Joining this group increases the likelihood that presidential campaigns will invest resources, travel, and attention in Kansas—giving our voters a voice in the process.

Increased Voter Participation and Engagement

When Kansas participates in a high-profile primary date, voters are more likely to be informed, energized, and engaged. Super Tuesday states experience higher turnout because the race is still highly competitive at that stage. Aligning Kansas with this date invites more civic participation and strengthens Kansas's democratic process.

Administrative Clarity and Efficiency

HB 2447 provides voters with a process that is familiar to them. Caucuses and party-run primaries have rules far different than what voters typically see in a primary election process. In short, the parties often draft new rules for every cycle. It's confusing to voters. The unfamiliarity of these processes results in lower turnout. As demonstrated in the hotly contested 2016 presidential Kansas Republican caucus compared to the essentially uncontested 2024 Republican presidential primary.

Predictability for Voters, Parties, and Election Officials

By setting a fixed, recurring date every four years, HB 2447 provides long-term predictability. Political parties, candidates, campaigns, and election administrators can plan accordingly. This stability improves Kansas's position in the national primary calendar and facilitates better preparation by all stakeholders.

HB 2447 is a well-considered, forward-looking improvement to Kansas's election framework. By aligning our presidential preference primary with Super Tuesday, Kansas strengthens its influence in the presidential nominating process, encourages voter participation, and improves administrative efficiency.

Making Kansas a permanent Super Tuesday state will encourage potential presidential nominees to visit with grassroots Kansans, earn our votes and guarantee that Sunflower State voters are active participants in selecting nominees to be the leader of the free world.

I respectfully urge the committee to advance HB 2447.