



To: Representative Kessler, Chair of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Re: Senate Bill 9

Testimony in support of SB 9 by the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors

Verbal testimony for the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors presented by:

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The Board of Directors for the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors offers this written testimony in support of SB 9.

SB 9 proposes two significant amendments to KSA 58-2011, originally enacted in 1982:

**1. Alternative Filing Office:**

- The current statute requires land survey reference reports to be sent to the County Engineer, County Surveyor, or County Road Department.
- SB 9 would allow the County Commission to designate an alternative office for filing these reports, such as the county Register of Deeds. This office is a well-established repository of information, and this change would formalize practices already in place in some counties, providing greater flexibility statewide. Surveyors support the perpetuation of land survey reference reports. If a County Commission were to determine that an alternate office would benefit county function and operations, then that is supported

**2. Extended Submission Timeframe:**

- Currently, surveyors are required to submit land survey reference reports within 30 days.
- SB 9 proposes extending this period to 90 days, acknowledging that large-scale surveying projects often require more time. This change would also align the filing timeline with KSA 14-1434, which mandates that a survey be recorded with the county Register of Deeds within 90 days of completion. This change will also be more efficient. At present a surveyor may be required to submit land survey reports intermittently during the course of the project. The expanded timeline may allow for a single submission.

The bill passed the Senate without opposition and was advanced through the Consent Calendar.

The Board of Directors for the Kansas Society of Land Surveyors fully supports SB 9 and does not recommend any amendments to the bill as currently proposed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Trenton C. Heinen".

Trenton C. Heinen, President, Kansas Society of Land Surveyors