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## SENATE BILL No. 289

By Senator Schmidt

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12 AN ACT relating to the Kansas department of transportation; pro-  
13 viding certain signs; establishing the governors of Kansas hometown  
14 heritage act.

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16 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

17 Section 1. The provisions of ~~this act~~ **sections 1 and 2, and amend-**  
18 **ments thereto**, shall be known as and may be cited as the governors of  
19 Kansas hometown heritage act.

20 Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section:

21 (1) "Qualified hometown" means a city or unincorporated commu-  
22 nity that is a governor's hometown as defined by this section and which  
23 has satisfied the requirements of this section; and

24 (2) "governor's hometown" means the city or unincorporated com-  
25 munity listed in the election records of the secretary of state as the resi-  
26 dence of a successful candidate for governor of the state of Kansas the  
27 first time such candidate was elected governor.

28 (b) For all qualified hometowns, the secretary of the Kansas depart-  
29 ment of transportation shall install governor's hometown signs ~~in place of~~  
30 ~~city limit signs or unincorporated signs at all appropriate locations mark-~~  
31 **ing at all appropriate locations near** the city limits of a city or the  
32 edges of an unincorporated community.

33 The secretary of transportation shall install such governors' hometown  
34 signs only if:

35 (1) The governing body of the city or the board of county commis-  
36 sioners for the unincorporated community has adopted a resolution re-  
37 questing the installation of such signs; and

38 **(2) the city or unincorporated community is located on a high-**  
39 **way which is part of the state highway system; and**

40 ~~(2)~~ **(3) the secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and**  
41 **donations to reimburse the secretary for the initial cost of installing such**  
42 **signs and an additional 50% of the initial cost to defray future main-**  
43 **tenance or replacement costs of such signs.**

1 The secretary of transportation may accept and administer gifts and  
2 donations to aid in obtaining and installing governors' hometown signs.

3 (c) The secretary of transportation, or the secretary's designee, ~~in~~  
4 ~~consultation with the secretary of the Kansas department of commerce,~~  
5 ~~or the secretary's designee, the executive director of the state historical~~  
6 ~~society, the executive director of the Kansas arts commission, Kansas hu-~~  
7 ~~manities council and such other agencies, persons or organizations as the~~  
8 ~~secretary finds appropriate,~~ shall design the governors' hometown signs.

9 The size, shape, color, design and content of such signs shall be distinctive  
10 and shall be determined by the secretary of transportation, except that  
11 such signs shall include: (1) The name of the city or unincorporated com-  
12 munity; (2) ~~an indication that the sign marks the city limits of the city or~~  
13 ~~the edge of the unincorporated community,~~ (3) the governor's hometown  
14 logo; and (4) (3) an indication that such city or unincorporated community  
15 is the hometown of one or more governors of Kansas, the name of each  
16 governor of Kansas whose hometown is such city or unincorporated com-  
17 munity, the numerical designation of each such governor in the succession  
18 of governors of Kansas and the years each such governor served as gov-  
19 ernor of Kansas.

20 (d) The secretary of commerce, or the secretary's designee, shall con-  
21 duct a competition for the design of the governor's hometown logo. The  
22 logo shall include a representation of the dome of the state capitol build-  
23 ing. In organizing and conducting such competition, the secretary of com-  
24 merce shall consult with and cooperate with the executive director of the  
25 state historical society, the executive director of the Kansas arts commis-  
26 sion, Kansas humanities council and such other agencies, persons or or-  
27 ganizations as the secretary finds appropriate.

28 (e) ***The governing body of any city or the board of county com-***  
29 ***missioners for any unincorporated community, not located on a***  
30 ***highway which is part of the state highway system, may request a***  
31 ***governor's hometown sign from the secretary of transportation***  
32 ***which meets the design specifications of subsection (c). Such city or***  
33 ***unincorporated community shall reimburse the secretary for the***  
34 ***cost of such sign and shall be responsible for the installation, repair,***  
35 ***maintenance or replacement of such sign.***

36 (f) (1) ***The governing body of any city or the board of county***  
37 ***commissioners for any unincorporated community which was a ter-***  
38 ***ritorial capital of Kansas, may request a territorial governor's sign***  
39 ***from the secretary of transportation ~~to install a territorial governor's~~***  
40 ***sign, subject to the same procedure, conditions and limitations con-***  
41 ***tained in subsections (b) and (e).***

42 (2) ***The secretary of transportation, or the secretary's designee,***  
43 ***shall design the territorial governor's signs. The size, shape, color,***

1 *design and content of such signs shall be distinctive and shall be*  
2 *determined by the secretary of transportation, except that such*  
3 *signs shall include: (1) The name of the city or unincorporated com-*  
4 *munity; (2) an indication that such city or unincorporated com-*  
5 *munity was a territorial capital of Kansas, the name of each terri-*  
6 *torial governor of Kansas who served in such territorial capital, the*  
7 *numerical designation of each such governor in the succession of*  
8 *governors of Kansas and the years each such governor served as*  
9 *territorial governor of Kansas.*

10 **Sec. 3.** The secretary of the Kansas department of transpor-  
11 tation shall cause signs to be installed on the state highway system  
12 informing the public of the exits for post-secondary degree grant-  
13 ing schools under the jurisdiction of the Kansas board of regents  
14 and which are accredited by the higher learning commission. Such  
15 signs shall not be installed unless such school requests the signs  
16 and the secretary has received sufficient moneys from gifts and  
17 donations to reimburse the secretary for the cost of installing such  
18 signs. The secretary of transportation may accept and administer  
19 gifts and donations to aid in obtaining and installing such exit signs.

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