



Date of Testimony: Thursday, January 23, 2025

Bill Number: HCR 5004: Amendment to section 1 of article 5 of the constitution of the state, all voters must be citizens.

Disposition: Opponent; Written Only Testimony

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To: Chair Representative Proctor and Members of the House Committee on Elections

Do not change the wording of Section 1, article 5 of the Kansas Constitution. The meaning is clear that only citizens can vote.

The Secretary of State's personnel and election officials have verified in various testimony that our constitution allows only citizens to vote and that the officials follow the law.

Elections officials only register those citizens who attest that they are citizens.

The Voter Registration forms include a statement that the person submitting the form is a citizen, and that a false statement is cause for a felony charge.

The change in wording does not improve the understanding of Section 1, article 5.

Changing article 5 from "*Every citizen... a qualified elector*" to "*No person... a qualified elector*" removes emphasis from "citizens rights" (where the emphases should remain) and erroneously gives non-citizens emphasis.

This is a meaningless bill and should be dismissed as a waste of time and tax payer money.

We ask you to vote NO on HCR 5004.