

2/19/2025  
SCR1611  
Proponent Written Only

Chairman Senator Thompson and Members of Federal State Affairs Committee,

I am submitting my proponent testimony for SCR1611

As a Kansan, I feel strongly that the people in Kansas should be the ones to elect Supreme Court judges.

Kansans elect the governor, legislators, and local judges the Supreme Court justices should also be chosen by the people not an unelected commission.

Electing justices ensures they answer to we the people, not a commission controlled by lawyers.

The current system limits the governor's choices to just three candidates, restricting the ability to select the best-qualified justice. No other branch of government allows a private profession (lawyers) to have such control over who serves in high office.

This would bring transparency and more public involvement and keeps the court in check, rather than allowing a small group of unelected elites to decide who serves.

Thank-you

Tammy Minihan  
Republican Precinct Committeewoman  
Sedgwick County