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SCR1611

Proponent

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

I am submitting my proponent testimony supporting SCR1611. I believe this is a step forward in curtailing a sense of being untouchable at the Kansas supreme court judge level. Any public official who is elected should be elected by the group of people they are to represent. Supreme court judges should be no different. I believe moving the power to elect supreme court judges from a panel of members of the bar association and the governor back to the people is a step in the right direction. Supreme court justices hold a tremendous amount of power, and they need to be accountable to the people and not to the governor or members of the bar association. I also believe the candidates should be allowed to be partisan. Everyone has views and beliefs, and those views and beliefs should be part of someone's campaign. Most people don't know much about judges or where they stand politically. I feel letting them be more open will allow for better discernment and better decisions when voting. As long as the candidates meet the correct qualifications, put them on the ballot and let the people of the state of Kansas decide who they feel should be in those positions.

Put the power to elect back in the hands of the great people of the state of Kansas. I am voicing my support for bill SCR1611.

Respectfully,

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