

**HOUSE BILL No. 2332**

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Requested by Representative Estes

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1 AN ACT concerning the legislature; establishing a seal for the house of  
2 representatives; providing for the custody and use thereof; **amending**  
3 **K.S.A. 75-201 and repealing the existing section}.**  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 {New }Section 1. (a) The seal affixed to the front of the podium in the  
7 chamber of the house of representatives on the effective date of this act is  
8 hereby established as the seal of the house of representatives. Such seal is  
9 described as follows: The east is represented by a rising sun, in the right-  
10 hand corner of the seal; to the left of it, commerce is represented by a river  
11 and a steamboat; in the foreground, agriculture is represented as the basis  
12 of the future prosperity of the state, by a settler's cabin and a man plowing  
13 with a pair of horses; beyond this is a train of ox-wagons, going west; in  
14 the background is seen a herd of buffalo, retreating, pursued by two  
15 ~~Indians~~ {Native Americans}, on horseback; around the top is the motto,  
16 "Ad astra per aspera," and beneath a cluster of thirty-four stars. The circle  
17 is surrounded by the words, "Kansas House of Representatives".

18 (b) The seal of the house of representatives shall be kept in the office  
19 of the speaker of the house of representatives and used in attestation of  
20 official documents of the house of representatives and for such other  
21 purposes as approved by the speaker.

22 (c) **The house of representatives seal may be used by any member**  
23 **of the house of representatives on any official stationery, newsletter or**  
24 **other official communication or for any personal use, except that, such**  
25 **use shall not convey an official position of the house of representatives.**

26 (d) **The house of representatives seal shall not be used for any**  
27 **campaign purposes.**

28 {Sec. 2. **K.S.A. 75-201 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-**  
29 **201. The great seal of the state of Kansas, procured by the secretary of**  
30 **state, as required by the joint resolution approved May twenty-fifth,**  
31 **eighteen hundred and sixty-one (which resolution was published as**  
32 **chapter seventy-eight [\*], Laws of eighteen hundred sixty-one), shall**  
33 **be and remain the great seal of this state. Such seal is described in said**

1 joint resolution as follows: The east is represented by a rising sun, in  
2 the right-hand corner of the seal; to the left of it, commerce is  
3 represented by a river and a steamboat; in the foreground, agriculture  
4 is represented as the basis of the future prosperity of the state, by a  
5 settler's cabin and a man plowing with a pair of horses; beyond this is  
6 a train of ox-wagons, going west; in the background is seen a herd of  
7 buffalo, retreating, pursued by two—Indians *Native Americans*, on  
8 horseback; around the top is the motto, "Ad astra per aspera," and  
9 beneath a cluster of thirty-four stars. The circle is surrounded by the  
10 words, "Great seal of the state of Kansas. January 29, 1861."}

11 {Sec. 3. K.S.A. 75-201 is hereby repealed.}

12 Sec. ~~2~~. {4.} This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
13 publication in the statute book.