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WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 63

TO: Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Mark Frame, Edwards County Attorney 1995 – present/ Kansas County
and District Attorneys Association, President
DATE: February 12, 2013
RE: Written Testimony in opposition to portion of SB 63

Committee members:

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony in opposition to a portion of Senate Bill 63.

As Edwards County Attorney for what is now the start of my fifth term elected, I stand in opposition to SB 63, specifically with the portion of the bill that gives concurrent prosecutorial authority to the Secretary of State.

The crime is voter fraud. The crime is irrelevant. The duty instilled upon me by my electorate is to see that justice is served. To that end, I seek convictions if a crime has been committed in my County. If someone commits the crime of voter fraud, murder or stealing a bicycle, the voters of Edwards County elected me to prosecute those crimes and to see that justice is served.

If I need help or assistance in my prosecution, I seek out the help of the Attorney General's office, another prosecutor.

In conclusion, prosecuting should be left to Prosecutors. The people of my County deserve to have the person they elected prosecute the crimes that occurred in their County.

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