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House Bill 2164

Neutral Written Testimony
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On behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Thank you for considering this written testimony submitted on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators.

KADCCA members will be instrumental in carrying out the requirements of House Bill 2164. Our concerns include staff time involved, and the cost of developing a reporting system. We are also concerned with maintaining the confidentiality of the information submitted by prospective jurors.

One of the major sources of potential jurors across the state is the Department of Motor Vehicles drivers' license database. That database is already available to the Secretary of State. Any information gained from the courts is likely to be redundant to that gathered by the Secretary of State from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Further, we have concerns regarding the House Floor amendment in lines 10 through 11 requiring the information to be provided "*in a form and manner approved by the Secretary of State and as established by Supreme Court rule.*" This issue was thoroughly debated in the House Committee. The Committee determined that the provision of this information should be in a form and manner that the court is able to provide without adding significant time and programming expense in a clerk's office that is already understaffed and burdened with the work required by the cases being heard by the court. We would respectfully request that the House Floor amendment be stricken from the bill.

Thank you for allowing KADCCA to voice our concerns regarding this bill.

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