

To: Senate Transportation Committee

From: Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer

Date: February 12, 2013

Re: Senate Bill No. 96

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Transportation Committee:

I am offering written support of Senate Bill 96 which would make changes to Kansas Statute 8-145d to allow a Kansas County Treasurer the option to set an additional fee for vehicle registration or renewal services provided in person through any county treasurer's office location.

As many of you may know, Sedgwick County currently operates four Motor Vehicle offices. Other than the office designated as our main office in Wichita, where our consolidated mail services, IT and bookkeeping operations take place, a \$2.00 service charge is assessed at outlying offices for all walk-in transactions. This fee has varied over the years from \$4.00 to \$3.00 to the current \$2.00. It pays building rental, taxes, utilities, equipment and supplies. It does not cover all expenses by any means.

With the operations transfer from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the County Treasurers' offices statewide, our business model continues to adapt to perform an increasing number of duties which were once performed at the state level. In order to cope with the slower processing time of the new software and incomplete or incorrect records which take time to resolve, our wait times for customers have increased, causing us to work later hours and weekends to keep up. I have added four additional positions to meet this need. I know of many other Treasurers who also plan to hire additional help. We now scan all title documents, correspond with out of state lenders and car dealerships and approve all title printing for our County's vehicle owners. Sometime in the future, it is expected that we will print titles at the county level for some, if not all, applicants. All these duties take personnel, require space and special equipment in some instances. I can only conclude that the cost to the County will continue to rise beyond what we are reimbursed from registration charges.

As an elected official, my goal is to provide accurate, efficient service to my constituents. I see this legislation as an opportunity to allow such service to continue uninterrupted even as our work load continues to increase. Please support this change.

Thank you.

Linda Kizzire, Sedgwick County Treasurer