



KANSAS REPUBLICAN PARTY

TESTIMONY CONCERNING HB 2012

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The Kansas Republican Party supports HB2012, requiring the Secretary of State to provide each recognized party with the voter rolls once a quarter. The idea for this bill came from a national political “Best Practices” event.

The Secretary of State currently provides the voter roll by e-mailing a dropbox link. The voter roll is a public record and contains information on each registered voter including name, address, voting districts, phone number, date of birth, date of registration, and voting history.

Currently the Kansas Republican Party purchases the statewide voter rolls once or twice a year for a \$200 fee.

Each Party maintains its own voter database, the foundation of which is the state’s official voter roll.

The Party would benefit by maintaining better up-to-date voter rolls on the Party’s own voter database. This allows the Party to more accurately interact with voters and conduct more efficient voter registration efforts, by not targeting already-registered voters.

The Party also provides free access to its voter database to elected officials, allowing them to have better interaction with their constituents by facilitating the elected officials’ ability to find contact related information about voters in their districts.

We prefer this provision be enacted into law, rather than by policy or regulation, to give it greater permanency.

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