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Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee  
Senator Rick Wilborn, Chairman

House Bill 2474

Thank you Chairman Wilborn and committee members for allowing me to present testimony in support of HB 2474. I'm Kathleen Collins, Clerk of the District Court in Wyandotte County (Kansas City, Kansas), and I am here speaking on behalf of the Kansas Association of District Court Clerks and Administrators.

Currently, when a completed marriage license is returned to a district court the clerk enters the information from the license into the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Vital Statistics Integrated Information System. HB 2474 removes the statutory language whereby clerks must also forward the physical marriage license to KDHE at the end of each month. Because clerks are currently entering the information from the license into the Vital Statistics Integrated Information System, KDHE no longer needs the physical license to create a marriage certificate, as all necessary information appears in the electronic system. We request that the statute be updated to reflect the electronic process already in use and eliminate a redundant requirement to submit the paper form to KDHE.

KDHE has reviewed and approved the language in this proposed amendment.

Thank you and I will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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