



**KANSAS BAR
ASSOCIATION**

TO: The Honorable Rick Wilborn
And Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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On Behalf of the Kansas Bar Association

RE: HB 2713 – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts

DATE: May 18, 2020

Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The KBA appreciates the opportunity to submit this written testimony in **SUPPORT** of **HB 2713 – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts**

The Kansas Bar Association has a long-standing policy of supporting efficiencies within the judicial system. HB 2713 is a policy that will assist the judicial branch and its courts with this goal.

HB 2713 will provide notaries with a stable process for online electronic services. This process integrates the use of audio/visual technology with notarial services, making it more timely and remove geographic boundaries. HB 2713 also harmonizes all records, whether in hard copy form or electronic. It works well with other uniform acts that Kansas has adopted.

It is important to note that HB 2713 does provide safeguards against abuse. For instance, it prevents conflicts of interest for notaries. The act prohibits notaries from participating in a transaction where it has a beneficial interest. HB 2713 also requires the use of two different technologies to verify the identity of a person.

HB 2713 will help Kansas keep up with the rapidly changing online environment and keep Kansas businesses competitive with other states. The notarial act provides a basic minimum standard for states to follow to guarantee safe and effective process.

It is for these reasons that the Kansas Bar Association **SUPPORTS HB 2713 – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts**

Thank you for your time and attention. I am happy to stand for questions when appropriate.

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