



# KANSAS BANKERS ASSOCIATION

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**Date:** February 9, 2021

**To:** Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Senator Kellie Warren, Chair

**From:** Kelly VanZwoll—Staff Attorney & Government Relations  
Kansas Bankers Association

**Re:** Support for SB 106—Enacting the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts

Dear Chair Warren and Members of the Committee:

I am Kelly VanZwoll appearing on behalf of the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA), organized in 1887 and whose membership includes 98% of the 220 banks and savings & loans headquartered in Kansas. Our membership also includes 19 out-of-state commercial banks operating in Kansas. The Kansas banking industry employs more than 22,000 Kansans that provide financial services in every county across the state. Our organizational mission statement is:

*"Together, we support our member banks and bankers with leadership, advocacy, and education to benefit the communities and customers they serve."*

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of SB 106. The Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (RULONA) will clarify the law regarding notaries public and provide a framework for performing notarial acts with respect to electronic records.

The need for modernization of many of our systems, including notary law, was seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, as Kansans limited their in-person interactions, many bank lobbies were closed or with limited access. This would facilitate those banks' ability to continue to do business as usual through remote means. We believe RULONA will not only provide clarity to Kansas's law, but also ensure that the state keeps pace with technological advances.

Thank you for your time and attention. We respectfully request that when the Committee considers action on SB 106, it act favorably on it.