

**To: Senate Ethics, Elections & Local Government**

**From: North Central Kansas Regional Libraries System**

**Re: SB 132 – Written Neutral Testimony**

**February 9, 2017**

Chairwoman Bowers & Members of the Committee:

North Central Kansas Regional Libraries System has been gifted with exemplary service from the representatives from the rural areas of the counties in our region. One of these appointees has served for about 20 years as the NCKLS executive committee's secretary-treasurer.

For decades, these representatives have been appointed by the Governor's office. We understand the complex nature of making many appointments and in seeking out the best individuals to fill these vital roles. We also realize this has become a burden on the Governor's staff.

While this process has provided the North Central Kansas Libraries System with well-qualified representatives in the past, we have no objection to modifying the appointment process as proposed in SB 132.