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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary in Favor of HB 2299

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Chairman Warren, Vice Chair Wilborn, Ranking Member Haley, and Members of the Committee:

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office asks for your support for HB 2299. A longer period to execute a search warrant allows law enforcement to better plan the execution of the warrant. Many factors come into play when executing a warrant – safety of the officers, safety of those in the vicinity of the search, safety of the suspect and/or those at the premises to be searched and gauging the best time to serve the warrant.

We conducted research on all 50 states but could only find 21 states that had time limits laid out in statute. In our research we found that other states range between 5 days to 60 days to serve a search warrant. The most common period was 10 days. We agree with the law enforcement associations' testimony that all other 10th Judicial Circuit states have a longer period in which to execute a search warrant, as do all the states bordering Kansas.

We found the state of Illinois was the only other state with a 96-hour window besides Kansas.

We would ask that you recommend HB 2299 favorably for passage.

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