

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

**From: Kansas Regional Library Systems**

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

**February 9, 2017**

Chairwoman Bowers & Members of the Committee:

Kansas Regional Library Systems welcome the input and opinions provided by the representatives from the rural areas of the counties in the regions. For decades, these representatives have been appointed by the Governor's office. We understand the complex nature of making many appointments, and realize this has been a burden on the Governor's staff.

While this process has provided the regional systems well-qualified representatives in the past, the Kansas Library Association has no objection to modifying the appointment process as proposed in SB 132.