



**Senate Committee on Assessment and Taxation
Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 264
Presented by Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs**

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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Eric Stafford, Vice President of Government Affairs for the Kansas Chamber. The Kansas Chamber represents small, medium and large businesses of all industry segments across the state. The Kansas Chamber appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 264.

SB 264 is a straightforward bill which amends K.S.A. 19-432 which establishes guidelines for the director of property valuation to maintain a list of eligible persons for appointment to the office of appraiser.

Under this statute, the director may remove any person from the list of eligible appraisers for failing to meet minimum qualifications, or certain convictions or felony charges, or civil judgement. SB 264 adds language that would remove a person from the list of eligible appraisers if they have been terminated from the office of county or district appraiser in one or more counties.

If an individual was terminated because they were unfit to serve in the capacity as appraiser in one office, we believe they should not be considered for the same position in another county as the same issues could then impact taxpayers elsewhere. Removing them from the list maintained by PVD is a logical step. This change also protects local from hiring someone who was, unknowingly to them, terminated by another governing body.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 264, and I am happy to answer any questions at the appropriate time.