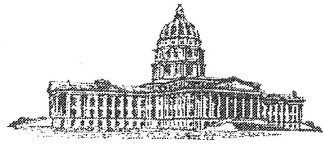


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Chairman Sen. Elaine Bowers  
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

**Re: Testimony SB 43 / Same Day Voter Registration / Proponent**

Thank you, Chairman Bowers and Committee for this opportunity to provide support testimony for SB 43 because it can help improve voter turnout in Kansas and make our current system much less complicated.

There is strong evidence that Same Day Registration (SDR) increases voter turnout and states that have SDR consistently lead the nation in voter participation. As of January 2019, 17 states plus the District of Columbia offer same day registration, which allows any qualified resident of the state to go to register to vote and cast a ballot all in that day.

Combined with our existing voter laws, existing voters get more flexibility, which makes them more likely to keep voting each election. And, new voters benefit from being able to register and cast a ballot at the same time.

I encourage you and the committee members to pass out this legislation favorably because it is a win-win for all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Finney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Gail Finney