



# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

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**To:** Senate Elections, Ethics, and Local Government  
Chairwoman - Senator Elaine Bowers  
Vice Chair - Senator Randall Hardy  
Ranking - Minority Senator David Haley  
Committee Members

**From:** Erin Hicks, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated - Topeka Alumnae Chapter President

**Date:** February 19, 2019

**RE:** - Support for SB 43, Written Only

I want to thank Chairwoman Bowers and the Committee members for allowing the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated Topeka Alumnae Chapter the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 43.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated recognizes that elections have short and long-term implications within and beyond the United States. The Topeka Alumnae Chapter works to assist voters in having access to registering to vote and casting ballots on election days. In the past, the local chapter has provided rides to the polls, assisted in voter canvassing throughout the city, and collaborated with other organizations to increase voter participation. This year, the chapter plans to create an educational democracy event, host a documentary viewing and discussion to celebrate National Voter Registration Day, and continue successful efforts that have made a difference in our community.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated and our local chapter support SB 43 because it will increase voter participation among Kansas residents. Fairness in voting processes will help ensure that all voices are heard and every vote is counted. Other states who have implemented same day registration have improved voter participation and have a more representative democracy because of their efforts to expand the voting experience to as many citizens as possible. This bill will help Kansas in expanding these opportunities as well.

We respectfully request that you pass SB 43 favorably to the full Senate for consideration.