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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary in Support of SB288
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Chairman Wilborn and Committee Members,

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office supports SB288 relating to repealing the prohibition on Saturday process service. We brought this bill to rectify a situation that impedes the expedient administration of civil justice.

This law was passed in 1864 and has outlived its usefulness. Currently, no civil process may be served on Saturday in the state of Kansas. To do so is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Many people avoid process service. Our Civil Process Unit spends countless hours attempting to locate these people who do not wish to be served. Saturday is a day that many people can be found at their homes. Additionally, we have people who are booked into the Johnson County Detention Center on Friday night and who will be released the following day – Saturday. Some of these people have process that needs to be served but we are unable to do so when they bond out due to the current law.

Repealing this outdated prohibition would greatly increase the efficiency of process being served and allow civil cases to proceed in a timely manner.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office asks that you support this bill and recommend it favorably for passage.

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