

TO: The Honorable Fred Patton

And Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Joseph Molina

On Behalf of the Kansas Bar Association

**RE:** SB 106 – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts

DATE: March 18, 2021

Chairman Patton and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The KBA appreciates the opportunity to submit this written testimony in <u>SUPPORT</u> of **SB 106** – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts

The Kansas Bar Association has a long-standing policy of supporting efficiencies within the judicial system. **SB 106** is a policy that will assist the judicial branch and its courts with this goal.

**SB 106** will provide notaries with a stable process for online electronic services. This process integrates the use of audio/visual technology with notarial services, making it timelier and remove geographic boundaries. **SB 106** also harmonizes all records, whether in hard copy form or electronic. It works well with other uniform acts that Kansas has adopted.

It is important to note that **SB 106** does provide safeguards against abuse. For instance, it prevents conflicts of interest for notaries. The act prohibits notaries from participating in a transaction where it has a beneficial interest. **SB 106** also requires the use of two different technologies to verify the identity of a person.

**SB 106** will help Kansas keep up with the rapidly changing online environment and keep Kansas businesses competitive with other states. The notarial act provides a basic minimum standard for states to follow to guarantee safe and effective process.

It is for these reasons that the Kansas Bar Association SUPPORTS **SB 106** – Enacting the revised uniform law on notarial acts

Thank you for your time and attention. I am happy to stand for questions when appropriate.

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