

Journal of the Senate

FIRST DAY

SENATE CHAMBER, TOPEKA, KANSAS
Monday, January 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Kansas and by the virtue of his office as President of the Senate, Senator Ty Masterson declared the 2024 Senate to be in session.

The roll was called with 40 senators present.

President Masterson welcomed Reverend Cecil T. Washington, who will again serve as the Senate Chaplain. Reverend Washington delivered the following invocation:

Aligned With Godly Wheels of Wisdom
James 1:17, Proverbs 3:5-7

Heavenly Father, it's a significant expression of Your mercy and grace for us to be here today. In James 1:17, You made it clear, that every good and blessed gift comes from You. So, thank You Lord, for gifting us with this new opportunity to serve You and Your people.

In conjunction with this Lord, we're asking for Godly wisdom to know what You want us to do; guidance to know how, and strength for the ability. When the wheels of a vehicle are not properly aligned, it can lead to major repair costs. And the sooner they are corrected, the better the chances for us to have a good run. Lord, that's what we want this go around. We want this to be a good run; a winning run; a Godly run. Help us to see more than the normal, and to see beyond the natural.

Let this be the kickoff of a time marked by clear and obvious evidence that the power of Your Holy Spirit is moving among us. Bring all our wheels into a blessed alignment with You; every thought, every attitude, every decision, every action.

You gave us, through the wisdom of Solomon in Proverbs 3:5-7, to trust You with all our hearts and not depend on our own understanding or be impressed by our own wisdom. You said we're to seek Your will in everything we do and You would show us what path to take.

So, when we begin to drift to the left or right, use that internal warning light of Godly guilt, to bring us back to center. In the Name of Jesus, this appeal is for continuing alignment with You. Amen

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Masterson.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and concurrent resolution were introduced and read by title:

SB 327, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to homestead property tax refund

claims; excluding social security payments from household income and increasing the appraised value threshold for eligibility of seniors and disabled veterans related to increased property tax claims; citing the section as the golden years homestead property tax freeze program; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-4508a and repealing the existing section, by Senator Holland.

SB 328, AN ACT concerning restrictions on the employment of members of the legislature and the lieutenant governor; repealing K.S.A. 75-303, by Senator Holland.

SB 329, AN ACT concerning economic development; relating to the Kansas angel investor tax credit act; discontinuing issuance of new tax credits after 2024; amending K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 74-8133 and repealing the existing section, by Senator Holland.

SB 330, AN ACT concerning audits; relating to the legislative division of post audit; eliminating the requirement for such division to conduct a recurring 911 implementation audit, a recurring Kansas public employees retirement system audit and certain economic development incentive audits; amending K.S.A. 12-5377 and repealing the existing section; also repealing K.S.A. 46-1136 and 46-1137, by Committee on Legislative Post Audit Committee.

SB 331, AN ACT concerning health and environment; relating to public water supply systems and hazardous waste; removing the definition of lead-free and an exception for leaded joints from public water supply system laws; updating terminology relating to hazardous waste generated by certain persons; amending K.S.A. 65-171r, 65-3415, 65-3415a and 65-3460 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 65-3402 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Kerschen.

SB 332, AN ACT concerning taxation; relating to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund; authorizing a distribution of moneys from such fund in fiscal year 2025 and all fiscal years thereafter; providing for the distribution of all moneys received from such fund to residential property taxpayers in the form of a state rebate; providing for reports to the legislature and performance audits; amending K.S.A. 65-163j, 65-3306, 65-3327, 75-2556, 79-1479, 79-2960 and 79-2961 and K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 79-2959 and repealing the existing sections, by Senator Olson.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1613—

By Senator Holland

A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; relating to property taxation; decreasing the assessed valuation of property in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption. (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, ~~2013~~ 2025, and each year thereafter.

Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Real property used for residential purposes including multi-family residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....11½%:
Commencing January 1, 2025.....10½%
Commencing January 1, 2026, and each year thereafter.....9½%
- (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
- (3) Vacant lots.....12%
- (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
- (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
- (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified.....30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11½%
- (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100

- mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%.....30%
- (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 1985.....30%
- (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property.....25%
- (6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified.....30%

(b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation."

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would decrease the assessed valuation in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes.

"A vote for this proposition would decrease the assessed valuation in determining property taxes for real property used for residential purposes and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes from 11¹/₂% to 10¹/₂% for 2025 and 9¹/₂% for 2026 and each year thereafter.

"A vote against this proposition would continue the assessed valuation of real property used for residential purposes and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes at 11¹/₂%."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives, shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2024, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of

the legislature, in which case the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1614—

By Senator Olson

A PROPOSITION to amend section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas; providing for term limits for senators and representatives.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Section 2 of article 2 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 2. Senators and representatives. (a) The number of representatives and senators shall be regulated by law, but shall not exceed ~~one hundred twenty-five~~ 125 representatives and ~~forty~~ 40 senators. Representatives and senators shall be elected from single-member districts prescribed by law. Representatives shall be elected for ~~two-year~~ two-year terms. Senators shall be elected for ~~four-year~~ four-year terms. The terms of representatives and senators shall commence on the second Monday of January of the year following election.

(b) (1) *From and after January 13, 2025, no individual shall be elected as a representative for more than six two-year terms.*

(2) *From and after January 13, 2025, no individual shall be elected as a senator for more than three four-year terms.*

(3) *From and after January 13, 2025, no individual who has been elected to serve as a representative then elected to serve as a senator or elected to serve as a senator and then elected to serve as a representative shall serve longer than a total of 16 years.*

(4) *For the purpose of computing the time period under either paragraph (1) or (2), no time spent serving as either a representative or senator prior to January 13, 2025, shall be counted."*

Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. This amendment would limit an individual's service as a state representative to six two-year terms and an individual's service as a state senator to three four-year terms starting on January 13, 2025. Any terms of service occurring prior to January 13, 2025, would not be subject to this limitation. Further, no individual may serve as a representative and then as a senator or as a senator and then as a representative for more than a total of 16 years.

"A vote for this proposition would term limit an individual's service as a state representative or state senator.

"A vote against this proposition would retain the current constitutional provisions that impose no limitations on the number of terms an

individual may serve as a representative or as a senator."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in November in the year 2024, unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.

INTRODUCTION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SR 1730, A RESOLUTION concerning the rules of the Senate for 2021-2024, by Senators Olson, Pyle and Sykes

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF SENATE RESOLUTIONS

Senators Masterson, Alley and Sykes introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1728—

A RESOLUTION relating to the organization of the Senate.

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That the Secretary of the Senate notify the House of Representatives that the Senate is organized with the following officers:

Ty Masterson, president,
Rick Wilborn, vice president,
Larry Alley, majority leader,
Dinah Sykes, minority leader,
Corey Carnahan, secretary,
Don Cackler, sergeant at arms,
and awaits the pleasure of the House of Representatives.

On emergency motion of Senator Alley **SR 1728** was adopted by voice vote.

Senators Erickson, Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Claeys, Corson, Dietrich, Fagg, Kerschen, Kloos, Masterson, McGinn, Peck, Steffen, Thompson and Warren (see kslegislature.org for updated sponsor list) introduced the following Senate resolution, which was read:

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1729—

A RESOLUTION condemning the October 7 attacks on the State of Israel and reaffirming Kansas' support and cooperation with the State of Israel.

WHEREAS, Israel was founded following the killing of 6,000,000 Jewish people during the horror of the Holocaust and World War II; and

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched air, ground and sea strikes on Israel, targeting Israel's civilian population; and

WHEREAS, The United States has considered Hamas to be a terrorist organization since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Hamas has murdered, burned, raped, beheaded and disfigured over 1,400 Israelis, including hundreds of women, children and elderly, throughout southern

Israel while concurrently launching indiscriminate rocket attacks across the entirety of Israel; and

WHEREAS, Hamas deliberately and systematically used sexual violence against women as a weapon; and

WHEREAS, American citizens were among those murdered on October 7; and

WHEREAS, The attacks on October 7 resulted in the deadliest day for Jewish people since the Holocaust and the deadliest day on Israeli soil since the Yom Kippur war in 1973; and

WHEREAS, Over 240 hostages were taken from Israel into Gaza, including over 100 women, children and elderly; and

WHEREAS, The hostages taken included Americans and citizens from around the world; and

WHEREAS, The ages of hostages range from nine months old to 86 years old and include over 30 hostages under the age of 16; and

WHEREAS, Over half of the hostages taken on October 7 remain unaccounted for with no end to their captivity in sight; and

WHEREAS, Hamas' actions have resulted in a 400% increase in antisemitism nationally, including multiple incidents at the University of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Local Jewish communities have had to increase their security, similar to the security presence required after the 2014 antisemitic attacks in Overland Park; and

WHEREAS, The people of Kansas share a connection with the people of Israel and view Israel as a trusted ally: Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we condemn the unprovoked attacks on the State of Israel and reaffirm Kansas' support and cooperation with the State of Israel; and

Be it further resolved: That we demand the unconditional safe return of the hostages; and

Be it further resolved: That we unequivocally support Israel's right to exist, defend itself and protect its citizens from terrorism and harm; and

Be it further resolved: That we place the blame for all violence that occurred on October 7 and thereafter on Hamas, who in their founding charter have stated their intent to exterminate both Israel and the Jewish people at any cost; and

Be it further resolved: That we reject all forms of antisemitism, including threats against Jewish people and Jewish institutions; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to Consul General Maor Elbaz-Starinsky, Director of AJC/JCRB Kansas City, Gaviela Geller, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City president and CEO, Jay Lewis and David Soffer.

Senator Alley motioned to advance to Emergency Final Action, subject to amendment, debate and roll call. Motion carried.

Upon the showing of five hands a Call of the Senate was requested.

On roll call, the vote was: Yeas 34; Nays 6; Present and Passing 0; Absent or Not Voting 0.

Yeas: Alley, Baumgardner, Billinger, Blasi, Bowers, Claey's, Corson, Dietrich, Erickson, Fagg, Faust-Goudeau, Gossage, Holscher, Kerschen, Kloos, Longbine, Masterson, McGinn, O'Shea, Olson, Peck, Petersen, Pettey, Pittman, Pyle, Reddi, Ryckman, Shallenburger, Steffen, Straub, Thompson, Tyson, Warren, Wilborn.

Nays: Doll, Francisco, Haley, Holland, Sykes, Ware.

The resolution was adopted.

The Call of the Senate was lifted.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE

I vote “NO” on **Senate Resolution No. 1729**. As written, this resolution seems more political theatre than substance and was presented with little advance notice and no opportunity for public hearings or amendments on the floor. Kansans can do little to demand the unconditional safe return of the hostages and certainly should consider withholding a placement of all blame before we learn of the findings of the International Court of Justice regarding allegations of genocide. I do believe, however, that the legislature should address concerns of threats and safety. My Senate district has a diverse constituency, and because it includes the University of Kansas, I have both Israeli and Palestinian people as residents. As I see it, the State’s priority is for everyone to be physically safe, and to have an opportunity to peacefully express their views. I hope we focus on those during the rest of the session.—**MARCI FRANCISCO**

As currently the longest tenured Kansas Senator, I can attest with certainty that in my 30 years here seldom, if ever, has any non-binding, inconsequential to Kansas policy, measure been brought to the Floor for debate AND vote on the FIRST day of any Session. Further, that a Call of the Senate compelling myself and other Members who had voted “PASS” to vote “AYE” or “NO” would be raised only adds to this dumbfounding theatre. My push to vote from “PASS” to “NO” on this Resolution is only due to the incompleteness of the entire matter in the document; the “rest of the story” as some might say. We all have heard of the response by Israel in the fair and frenzied hunt to root out and destroy Hamas and most cheer that. The concern has been the aggrieved taking of thousands of innocent lives and properties of Palestinians who are hapless pawns where the terrorists hide and prey. And that too is wrong to allow and, I feel, for the US (and yes, I guess that too must include Kansans) to support. With no opportunity for committee discussion or amendment, this hurriedly crafted Resolution is pure theatre addressing one major wrong but not another. And these two wrongs, don’t make this Resolution right so I am compelled to vote “NO” instead of “PASS” by our colleagues.—**DAVID HALEY**

Our legislative process is broken. Senate Republican leadership has once again put the needs of the special interests ahead of everyday Kansas citizens by pushing through a roll call vote on the very first day of the 2024 legislative session. Today’s rushed debate and vote, combined with the lack of properly scheduled, announced and conducted public hearings regarding the subject matter laid before this body, puts on full display Senate Republican leadership’s complete disregard of the needs, thoughts, and aspirations of ALL Kansans. I vote NO on **SR 1729**.—**TOM HOLLAND**

Senator Francisco requests the record to show she concurs with the "Explanation of Vote" offered by Senator Holland on **SR 1729**.

The Israel-Hamas war is a tragedy, and I’m praying every day for a resolution that allows both sides to live in peace. That said, there is little or nothing the Kansas legislature can do to influence this conflict. I stand with those who reject the crime of intentionally targeting civilians. However, that violence is aided and abetted when we

oversimplify history and ignore nuance. We're better than that. Let me be clear: I do not condone antisemitism. I do not support terror. This resolution trivializes human suffering in a way that does not lead to justice, peace, or joy. That's why I'm voting no. I hope we find a way to focus on policy that leads to positive change for Kansans.—
DINAH SYKES

Senators Francisco and Ware request the record to show they concur with the “Explanation of Vote” offered by Senator Sykes on **SR 1729**.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following appointments made by the Governor and submitted to the Senate for confirmation were introduced and their appointment letters read:

Patty Becker, Member, Pooled Money Investment Board (submitted November 7, 2023)

Alan Deines, Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority (submitted November 7, 2023)

Romano Delcore, M.D., Member, University of Kansas Hospital Authority (submitted November 7, 2023)

Mark Engholm, State Fire Marshal (submitted November 7, 2023)

Michelle Ewert, Member, State Board of Indigents' Defense Services (submitted June 27, 2023)

Mike Fleming, Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission (submitted November 7, 2023)

Joni Franklin, Member, Public Employee Relations Board (submitted June 23, 2023)

Craig Heideman, Member, Pooled Money Investment Board (submitted June 27, 2023)

Emily Hill, Member, Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees (submitted November 7, 2023)

Colonel Nicholas Jaskoiski, Brigadier General, Kansas National Guard (submitted June 27, 2023)

Alysia Johnston, Member, State Board of Regents (submitted June 27, 2023)

Ann (Annie) Keuther, Commissioner, Kansas Corporation Commission (submitted September 6, 2023)

Dr. Elizabeth King, Member, University of Kansas Hospital Authority (submitted June 23, 2023)

Kevin Lockett, Member, University of Kansas Hospital Authority (submitted November 7, 2023)

Dawn McClure, Public Member, Employment Security Board of Review (submitted June 23, 2023)

Robba Moran, Member, University of Kansas Hospital Authority (submitted November 7, 2023)

Catherine Moyer, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission (submitted June 23, 2023)

Justin Nichols, Member, State Banking Board (submitted November 7, 2023)

Neelima Parasker, Member, State Board of Regents (submitted June 27, 2023)

Pamela (Pam) Pierce, Member, Employment Security Board of Review (submitted June 23, 2023)

Calvin Reed, Secretary of Transportation (submitted June 27, 2023)

Vicki Ryan, At-Large Member, Kansas Lottery Commission (submitted June 23, 2023)

Keely Schneider, Member, Public Employee Relations Board (submitted June 29, 2023)

Jon Small, Member, Kansas Development Finance Authority (submitted June 23, 2023)

Erik Smith, Superintendent, Kansas Highway Patrol (submitted June 27, 2023)

Brad Stratton, Member, Kansas Public Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees (submitted June 23, 2023)

Ed Trimmer, Member, Kansas Lottery Commission (submitted June 27, 2023)

Larry Turnquist, Member, Kansas Racing and Gaming Commission (submitted June 23, 2023)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS

Secretary of the Senate Corey Carnahan submitted a letter to the Office of the Senate President listing the following communications received during the 2023 Interim:

- Annual Report of the Pooled Money Investment Board
 - House Joint Resolution 1017 adopted by the Oklahoma Legislature
 - FY 2022 Crime Victims Compensation Annual Report
 - Child Death Review Board 2023 Annual Report
 - FY 2022 Kansas Guardianship Program Annual Report
 - FY 2023 Annual Report of the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
 - Kansas Turnpike Authority Annual Report and Customer Survey Results
 - FY 2023 Annual Report of the Central Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission
 - FY 2023 CARE and PASRR Reports
 - Juvenile Justice Annual Report 2023-2024, Kansas State Department of Education
 - Early Retirement Report, Kansas State Department of Education
 - Sex Crimes Summary Report, Kansas Department of Corrections
 - 988 Coordinating Council Report
 - 2023 Kansas Water Pollution Control Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - 2023 Kansas Public Water Supply Loan Fund Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - 2023 Solid Waste Management Fund Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - 2023 Storage Tanks Report, Kansas Department of Health and Environment
 - SFY 2023 Report on Area Agencies on Aging, Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services
 - Targeted Employment Tax Credit 2023 Annual Report
- From the Office of Governor Laura Kelly:
- Executive Orders 23-02 through 23-05
 - Executive Directives 23-570 through 23-575

In compliance with 2023 **H Sub SB 113**, Secretary of the Senate Corey Carnahan and Chief Clerk of the House Susan Kannarr submitted a memorandum to the Office of the Senate President and Office of the Speaker of the House regarding the disposal of

school buildings. The following notices were received during the 2023 Interim:

USD 257 (Iola, Kansas); USD 259 (Wichita, Kansas); USD 268 (Cheney, Kansas); USD 329 (Alma, Kansas); USD 350 (St. John, Kansas); USD 428 (Great Bend, Kansas); and ANW Special Education Cooperative Interlocal 603 (Chanute, Kansas)

Please find copies of the information received from the school districts enclosed.

ORDER SETTING COMPENSATION FOR MEMBERS OF THE KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Pursuant to the authority granted by 2023 Senate Bill No. 229, the Legislative Compensation Commission sets the compensation and salary as follows for members of the Kansas Legislature commencing on the first day of the legislative session in January of 2025:

Base salary. The base salary for members of the Legislature shall be \$43,000 per year. The base salary shall be paid in lieu of amounts set pursuant to K.S.A. 46-137a(a) and (c), and amounts set under those provisions shall be discontinued.

Expenses. In addition to the base salary, members of the Legislature shall receive subsistence allowance as described in K.S.A. 46-137a(b) and allowance for mileage as described in K.S.A. 46-137a(d), in amounts determined pursuant to current law.

Pay period. Members of the Legislature shall be paid according to the following schedule:

- During the first 30 calendar days of the legislative session, 7.75% of total annual compensation.
- During the subsequent four months, 13.07% of total annual compensation per month.
- During the subsequent seven months, 5.71% of total annual compensation per month.

Salary indexing. Beginning on the first day of the legislative session in January of 2026 and each year thereafter, the base salary shall be adjusted each year to match the three-year average of the percent change in wages for all Kansas employees as reflected by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics percent change in “Kansas All Employees Average Annual Wage” for the previous three full calendar years of available data.

Special sessions and interim meetings. In addition to the base salary, members of the Legislature shall be compensated for special sessions and approved interim committee meetings at a rate of \$172 per day. This amount shall be adjusted annually according to the salary indexing directive above.

Additional leadership salaries. In addition to the base salary, members of the Legislature holding specified positions shall receive the following amounts:

- President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, an additional 64% of the base salary.
- Vice President of the Senate, Speaker Pro Tem of the House of Representatives, Assistant Majority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives and Assistant Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, an additional 33% of the base salary.

- Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives, an additional 58% of the base salary.
- Chairpersons of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and the House Committee on Appropriations, an additional 50% of the base salary.

Approved by action of the Legislative Compensation Commission on October _____, 2023.

Mark Hutton, Chairperson

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Announcing adoption of **HR 6028**, a resolution relating to the organization of the 2024 House of Representatives and selection of the following officers:

Dan Hawkins, Speaker of the House
 Blake Carpenter, Speaker Pro Tem
 Chris Croft, Majority Leader
 Vic Miller, Minority Leader
 Susan Kannarr, Chief Clerk
 Foster Chisholm, Sgt. At Arms

and awaits the pleasure of the Senate.

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5018**, a concurrent resolution relating to a committee to wait upon the Governor and advise her the 2024 session of the Legislature is duly organized and ready to receive communication. The Secretary of the Senate and Chief Clerk of the House were appointed to notify the Governor.

Announcing adoption of **HCR 5019**, a concurrent resolution providing for joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing a message from the Governor and for the purpose of hearing a message from the Supreme Court.

The following escorts are appointed for the State of the State:

To escort the Governor: Representatives Will Carpenter, Essex and Meyer
 To escort the Lt. Governor: Representatives Ellis, Pickert and Featherston
 To escort the Supreme Court: Representatives Humphries, Maughan and Osman
 To escort the Senate: Representatives Owens, Clifford and Hoye
 For the State of the Judiciary
 To escort the Supreme Court: Representatives Titus, Lewis and Vaughn
 To escort the Senate: Representatives Blew, Thomas and Schlingensiepen

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS

HCR 5018, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION informing the Governor that the two houses of the Legislature are duly organized and ready to receive communications, was introduced and read by title.

HCR 5019, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION providing for joint sessions of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing messages from the Governor and the Supreme Court, was introduced and read by title.

CONSIDERATION OF ORIGINAL MOTIONS

HCR 5018, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION informing the Governor that the two houses of the Legislature are duly organized and ready to receive communications, was introduced and read by title.

On emergency motion of Senator Alley, **HCR 5018** was adopted by voice vote.

HCR 5019, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION providing for joint sessions of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the purpose of hearing messages from the Governor and the Supreme Court, was introduced and read by title.

On emergency motion of Senator Alley, **HCR 5019** was adopted by voice vote.

The President appointed following escorts for the State of the State:

To escort the Governor: Senators Bowers and Reddi

To escort the Lt. Governor: Senators Baumgardner and Pittman

To escort the Supreme Court: Senators Warren and Corson

The President appointed following escorts for the State of the Judiciary:

To escort the Supreme Court: Senators Warren and Haley

On motion of Senator Alley, the Senate adjourned pro forma until 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 09, 2024.

CHARLENE BAILEY, CINDY SHEPARD, *Journal Clerks.*

COREY CARNAHAN, *Secretary of the Senate.*

