



Kansas Register of Deeds Association, Inc.

To: House Federal and State Affairs Committee

From: Kansas Register of Deeds Association

Date: April 6, 2017

RE: Opposition to SB 86

Chairman Barker and members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee. I am Susan Shuster, the Legislative Chair for the Kansas Register of Deeds Association. Thank you for taking the time to listen to our concerns. KRDA stands in opposition to SB86 and the burdensome demands it will place on our offices if passed. As Register of Deeds our daily duties are serving the public. Making multiple copies a day is just one part of our duties not only to citizens of the State of Kansas, but also to out of state requests.

SB 86 will put additional demands on our office as we will be required to verify each request we receive as to the citizenship of the requestor. This will place a hardship on individuals who are in the process of home ownership or refinancing if the title search is being performed by an out of state researcher. There will be a delay in processing a request to receive proof of Kansas citizenship.

We receive phone calls daily requesting copies of deeds and mortgages, etc. Our responses to these requests will also be delayed upon verification of citizenship. This will also apply to oil and gas requests just to name a few.

Online document services are provided to the public by several offices. Those who provide this service will be forced to delay access until approval is granted. There is also the case where an individual lives out of state, but owns property in the State of Kansas. This will place a burden upon them as well.

SB86 as written has the potential to create a catastrophic event for our offices as well as the title industry.

We respectfully request that you do not pass Senate Bill 86. Thank you for your time and service.

Pam Wornkey, President

Susan Shuster, Legislative Chair