Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government Opponent Testimony on SB 310 • February 12, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 310, which would require voting systems to use individual voter verified paper ballots.

Voting is one of the most important functions that our county governments oversee. KAC and its member counties are committed to open, transparent, efficient and fair elections. SB 310, as currently drafted, would require *at least* eight Kansas counties to invest in new voting machines to comply with this bill. Such a requirement, while facing the realities of the tax lid and other demands on local budgets, may simply be impossible to meet under current conditions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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