

The 802 United's Mission Statement:

The 802 United values the people and opportunities available in Kansas. We strive to make our state a welcoming environment for all humans, utilizing principles that put community and purposeful kindness ahead of ideological extremism.

Methods and Processes:

- We will focus on issues and topics, never candidates or political parties
- We will transform ideas into action in our communities
- We will utilize community outreach and education using the "3 V method": Voices/ Volunteering/ Voting

This document was produced to help you become more knowledgeable about the legislators in your area, and the bills they supported during the 2023 legislative session.

Bills identified in this document align with core areas of The 802 United.

- Public education is the key to an educated public.
- Equal access to healthcare is vital to healthy communities.
- We will end gun violence.
- Love is love, and all pronouns will be respected.
- All voices deserve to be heard.

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The Kansas House of Representatives
2023-2024
Sedgwick County



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Avery Anderson
House District: 72
Hometown: Newton
Occupation: Insurance
Committees: Transportation and Public Safety Budget
Transportation
Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges
Joint Committee on State Building Construction
Appropriations
Special Committee on Workforce Development

Bills Sponsored:
None



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Blake Carpenter
House District: 81
Hometown: Unknown
Occupation: Contractor
Committees: Legislative Modernization
Interstate Cooperation
Legislative Coordinating Council
Legislative Budget
Calendar and Printing
Serves as: House Speaker Pro Tem

Bills Sponsored:
None



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Leah Howell
House District: 82
Hometown: Derby
Occupation: Self-employed
Committees: Welfare Reform
Elections
Child Welfare and Foster Care
Insurance
Federal and State Affairs
Special Committee on Governmental Ethics Reform
Special Committee on Homelessness

Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act providing legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Henry Helgerson
House District: 83
Hometown: Eastborough
Occupation: Businessman
Committees: Appropriations
Legislative Budget
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight
Special Committee on Taxation
Taxation
Special Committee on Mental Health Beds

Bills Sponsored:

HB2150 – Repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the city boundaries.
HB2162 – Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Ford Carr
House District: 84
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Engineer
Committees: Transportation and Public Safety Budget
Child Welfare and Foster Care
Special Committee on Civil Asset Forfeiture
Welfare Reform

Bills Sponsored:

HB2162 – Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
HB2327 – Discontinuing property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline property that experiences a spill or leak and providing for recoupment of certain property taxes.
HB2341 – Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.
HB2363 – Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana for such person’s sentence and providing for expungement of any associated records.
HB2364 – Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property’s appraised valuation.
HB2365 – Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.
HB2366 – Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Patrick Penn
House District: 85
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Insurance
Legislative Modernization
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications

Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Silas Miller
House District: 86
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Insurance Broker
Committees: Insurance
Federal and State Affairs
Education
2023 Special Committee on Mental Health

Bills Sponsored:

- HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
- HB2341-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.
- HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.
- HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.
- HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.
- HB2365-Terminating the KPER 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.
- HB2366-Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.
- HB2367-Creating the adult use cannabis regulation act to regulate the cultivation, manufacturing, possession and sale of cannabis in this state.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Susan Estes
House District: 87
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Education
K-12 Education Budget
Unemployment Compensation Modernization and
Improvement Council

Bills Sponsored:

HB2011 – Providing a Kansas income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as compensation for members of the armed forces.
HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Sandy Pickert
House District: 88
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired RN
Committees: Child Welfare and Foster Care
Welfare Reform
Water
General Government Budget

Bills Sponsored:

HB2011 – Providing a Kansas income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as compensation for members of the armed forces.
HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.
HB2475 – Prohibiting the commencement of the school term prior to Labor Day.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: KC Ohaebosim
House District: 89
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications
Transportation
Social Services Budget

Bills Sponsored:

HB2162 – Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
HB2327 – Discontinuing property tax exemption for new qualifying pipeline property that experiences a spill or leak and providing for recoupment of certain property taxes.
HB2341 – Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.
HB2349 – Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.
HB2363 – Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.
HB2365 -Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Carl Maughan
House District: 90
Hometown: Colwich
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Judiciary
Rules and Journal
Financial Institutions and Pensions
Special Committee on Civil Asset Forfeiture
Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Bills Sponsored:

- HB2011 – Providing a Kansas income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as compensation for members of the armed forces.
- HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Emil Bergquist
House District: 91
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired Aircraft R and D
Committees: Local Government
Elections
Insurance
Special Committee on Energy and Utilities
Bob Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community Based Ser
and KanCare Oversight
Energy, Utilities, and Telecommunications
Health and Human Services

Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: John Carmichael
House District: 92
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired Attorney
Committees: Judiciary
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
Special Committee on Energy and Utilities
Alvin Sykes Cold Case DNA Task Force
Special Committee on Liquor Law Modernization
Special Committee on Government Overreach and
the Impact of COVID-19 Mandates



Bills Sponsored:

- HB2005 – Creating a traffic infraction for operating a vehicle while fatigured.
- HB2—6 – Making the use of artificial light for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking wildlife unlawful and restricting rule and regulation authority.
- HB2162 – Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.
- HB2348 – Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.
- HB2349 – Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.
- HB2363 – Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person’s sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.
- HB2364 – Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property’s appraised valuation.
- HB2366 – Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Brian Bergkamp
House District: 93
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Project Manager
Committees: Taxation
Federal and State Affairs
Special Committee on Taxation
Health and Human Services

Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Leo Delperdang
House District: 94
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired
Committees: Special Committee on Energy and Utilities
Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications
Transportation
Transportation and Public Safety Budget
Joint Committee on State Building Construction
Special Committee on Child Support and Enforcement
and Collection
Special Committee on State Employee and board Member
Compensation

Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Tom Sawyer
House District: 95
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Accountant
Committees: Taxation
Higher Education Budget
Financial Institutions and Pensions
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
Special Committee on Taxation
Special Committee on Elections
Legislative Post Audit Committee
Redistricting Advisory Group



Sponsored Bills:

HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.

HB2348-Restoring local government control over wages, compensation and benefits for construction projects.

HB2349-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.

HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.

HB 2365-Terminating the KPERS 3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.

HB2366-Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reeducation fund.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Tom Kessler
House District: 96
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Tom's Wine and Spirits, LLC
Committees: Federal and State Affairs
Commerce, Labor and Economic Development
Special Committee on Taxation
Special Committee on Liquor Law Modernization
Taxation

Sponsored Bills:
None



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Nick Hoheisel
House District: 97
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Financial Institutions and Pensions
Joint committee on Pensions, Investments and Benefits
Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions
Transportation
Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments
Special Committee on Foster Care Oversight
Taxation
Special Committee on Medical Marijuana

Bills Sponsored:
None



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Cyndi Howerton
House District: 98
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Tax Service Manager
Committees: Water
Elections
Child Welfare and Foster Care
Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight
Legislative Modernization
Insurance
Special Committee on Elections
Special Committee on Water



Bills Sponsored:

HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Susan Humphries
House District: 99
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Attorney
Committees: Rules and Journal
Judiciary
Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State
Legislative Task Force on Community and Technical
College State Funding
Special Committee on Child Support Enforcement and
Collection
Child Welfare and Foster Care
Joint Committee on Child Welfare Oversight
Special Committee on Homelessness
Special Committee on Foreign Adversary Investments
and Land Purchases
Welfare Reform
Special Committee on State Employee and Board Member Compensation



Bills Sponsored:

HB2011-Providing a Kansas income tax subtraction modification for certain amounts received as compensation for members of the armed forces.
HB2313 – Creating the born-alive infants protection act to provide legal protections for infants who are born alive regardless of the intent of the delivery.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Daniel Hawkins
House District: 100
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Insurance Agent
Committees: Interstate Cooperation
Legislative Coordinating Council
Calendar and Printing
Legislative Budget
Redistricting Advisory Group
Serves as: Speaker of the House

Bills Sponsored:

HB2023-Creating the crime of interference with the conduct of a healthcare facility, providing criminal penalties for violation thereof and increasing the criminal penalties for battery of a healthcare provider.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Joe Seiwert
House District: 101
Hometown: Pretty Prairie
Occupation: Agriculture Business Owner
Committees: Agriculture and Natural Resources Budgets
Water

Bills Sponsored:

HB2004-Establishing the EV energy equity road repair tax act and providing for a road repair tax on electricity distributed from a public charging station for electric vehicles.

HB2091-Requiring the secretary of agriculture to establish a division of sustainable agriculture that shall apply for federal grant funds under the greenhouse gas reduction fund to assist farmers in converting to renewable energy and sustainable agriculture practices.

HB2150-Repealing the zoning and planning authority for cities in the three-mile area extending from the boundaries.

HB2476-Requiring legislative approval of any national heritage area or national historic trail in the state of Kansas and prohibiting state funding of any national heritage area or national historic trail unless such funding is first approved by the state of Kansas.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Angela Martinez
House District: 103
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Direct Care Counselor
Committees: Financial Institutions and Pensions
Special Committee on Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes
Corrections and Juvenile Justice

Bills Sponsored:

HB2162-Providing for sales tax exemption for hygiene products.

HB2244-Providing a permanent exemption for postsecondary educational institutions for the public buildings requirements under the personal and family protection act.

HB2245-Creating the gun violence restraining order act to authorize the issuance of protective orders prohibiting the acquisition and possession of firearms by certain individuals.

HB2341-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing the state offices for certain legal public holidays.

HB2363-Releasing any person convicted of a drug offense involving marijuana from such person's sentence and providing for the expungement of any associated records.

HB2364-Increasing the extent of property tax exemption from the statewide school levy for residential property to \$65,000 of such property's appraised valuation.

HB2365-Terminating the KPERS3 cash balance plan and transferring the members of such plan to the KPERS 2 plan.

HB2366-Providing for transfers to the local ad valorem tax reduction fund.



Kansas House of Representatives Sedgwick County Legislators

Legislator: Brenda Landwehr
House District: 105
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired
Committees: Special Committee on Kansas Mental Health Modernization
and Reform
Health and Human Services
Bob Bethell Joint Committee on Home and Community
Based Services and KanCare Oversight
Special Committee on Mental Health
Special Committee on Government Overreach and
The Impact of COVID-19 Mandates
Special Committee on Mental Health Beds
Judiciary
Special Committee on Home and Community Based
Services Intellectual and Developmental Disability
Waiver
Appropriations



Bills Sponsored:

HB2359-Establishing the sunflower teacher-student mentor program with certain school districts to encourage student to pursue a teaching career.



The Kansas Senate
2023-2024
Sedgwick County



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Ty Masterson
House District: 16
Hometown: Andover
Occupation: Director
Committees: Legislative Coordinating Council
Interstate Cooperation
Organization, Calendar and Rules
Redistricting Advisory Group
Joint Committee on Fiduciary Financial Institutions Oversight
Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact of
COVID-19 Mandates
Ways and Means
Child Welfare System Task Force
Legislative Subcommittee, Ways and Means
Legislative Task Force on Dyslexia

Serves as: President of the Senate

Bills Sponsored:
None



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Mary Ware
House District: 25
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retail Store Owner
Committees: Agriculture and Natural Resources
Special Committee on Homelessness
Legislative Post Audit Committee
Joint Committee on Kansas Security
Special Committee on Federal 340B Drug Program
Commerce
Special Committee on Water

Bills Sponsored:

SB140-Allowing cities, counties or other local units of government to raise the minimum wage by ordinance, resolution or law.
SB211-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Chase Balsi
House District: 27
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Unknown
Committees: Federal and State Affairs
Education
Public Health and Welfare
Assessment and Taxation
Capitol Preservation Committee
2023 Special Committee on Governmental Ethics Reform,
Campaign Finance Law
2023 Special Committee on Education
Health Care Stabilization Fund Oversight Committee

Bills Sponsored:

SB58-Providing a sales tax exemption for certain purchases by disabled veterans.
SB63-Expanding the scope of uses of campaign contributions to include family caregiving services.
SB110-Exempting all social security benefits from Kansas income tax.
SB139-Expanding newborn screening services and increasing transfer from the medical assistance fee fund to the Kansas newborn screening fund.
SB147-Increasing the income tax credit amount for adoption expenses and making credit refundable and increasing the income tax credit amount for household and dependent care expenses.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Mike Petersen
House District: 28
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Industrial Electrician
Committees: Transportation
Utilities
2023 Special Committee on Energy and Utilities
Joint Committee on Kansas Security
Federal and State Affairs
Assessment and Taxation
2023 Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges
2023 Special Committee on Taxation
2023 Special Committee on Elections
Legislative Post Audit Committee

Bills Sponsored:

SB29-Providing a back-to-school sales tax holiday for sales of school supplies, computers and clothing.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Oletha Faust Goudeau
House District: 29
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Community Activist
Committees: Transparency and Ethics
Federal and State Affairs
Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight
Local Government
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
2023 Special Committee on Restricted Driving Privileges
Russ Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
2023 Special Committee on Elections
2023 Special Committee on Foster Care Oversight

Bills Sponsored:

SB2-Authorizing certain individuals with revoked driver's licenses to be eligible for restricted driving privileges.
SB29-Providing a back-to-school sales tax holiday for sales of school supplies, computers and clothing.
SB59-Designating Martin Luther King, Jr Day at the Capitol.
SB132-Providing for the buffalo soldier distinctive license plate.
SB140-Allowing cities, counties or other local units of government to raise the minimum wage by ordinance, resolution or law.
SB171-Creating the veterans first medical cannabis act to regulate the cultivation, distribution, sale possession and use of medical cannabis.
SB177-Declaring Juneteenth National Independence Day to be a legal public holiday and closing state offices for certain legal public holidays.
SB211-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Renee Erickson
House District: 30
Hometown: Wichita
Occupation: Retired
Committees: Commerce
Unemployment Compensation Modernization and Improvement Council
2023 Special Committee on Child Care Centers and Child Care Homes
2021 Special Committee on Government Overreach and the Impact Of COVID-19 Mandates
Education
Public Health and Welfare
Assessment and Taxation
Joint Committee on Child Welfare System Oversight
Russ Jennings Joint Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice Oversight
2023 Special Committee on Education
2023-Special Committee on Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rate Methodology
2023 Special Committee on Mental Health



Bills Sponsored:

SB131-Providing an exemption from the licensure requirements for certain out-of-state physicians practicing on a limited basis in the state.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Carolyn McGinn
House District: 31
Hometown: Sedgwick
Occupation: Agriculture Producer
Committees: Local Government
Transparency and Ethics
Joint Committee on State Building Construction
Ways and Means
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Joint Committee on Administrative Rules and Regulations
2023 Special Committee on Nursing Facility Reimbursement Rate
Methodology
2023 Special Committee on Homelessness
2023 Special Committee on Mental Health
Joint Committee on Special Claims Against the State



Bills Sponsored:

SB211-Abolishing the death penalty and creating the crime of aggravated murder.



Kansas State Senate Sedgwick County Senators

Legislator: Larry Alley
House District: 32
Hometown: Winfield
Occupation: Retired
Committees: Confirmation Oversight
Joint Committee on State-Tribal Relations
Ways and Means
Legislative Coordinating Council
Interstate Cooperation
Organization, Calendar and Rules
Serves as: Senate Majority Leader
Bills Sponsored:
None

