**Kansas Legislature Update: March 20-24**

Our Emporia League of Women Voters Vote Tracking Committee tracks bills and votes on the following topics: abortion, children, civil rights, climate change, education, government, gun legislation, health issues, LGBTQ issues, Medicaid expansion, school issues, taxes, vetoes, voting rights, and water issues.

Last week, the following bills in these categories were voted on and passed; local legislators’ votes are indicated.

**Children**

S Sub HB 2344, relating to licensure of childcare facilities; day care homes and childcare centers; establishing license capacity and staff-to-child ratios; lowering license fees and training requirements. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

**Education**

H Sub for SB 113, providing incentives for coordination between school districts and community mental health centers; authorizing certain nonpublic school students who enroll part-time in a school district to participate in nonpublic school activities; and related concerns. Rep. Droge and E. Smith voted Yea; Rep. Schreiber voted Nay.

**Government**

HCR 5008, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION applying to the Congress of the
United States to call a convention of the states for the purpose of proposing
amendments to the Constitution of the United States that impose limits on the federal
government. Rep. Droge and E. Smith voted Yea. Rep. Schreiber voted Nay.

SCR 1607, A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION making application to the Congress
of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments to
the Constitution of the United States that impose limits on the federal government, was
considered on final action. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

Sub SB 155 would provide appropriations for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026, for state agencies. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

HB 2332, concerning the division of tourism; relating to the transfer of powers, duties and functions from the department of wildlife and parks to the department of commerce. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

HB 2436, prohibiting the state or a political subdivision from giving
preferential treatment to or discriminating against companies based on environmental,
social and governance criteria in procuring or letting contracts. Rep. Schreiber, E. Smith and Droge voted Yea.

**Health Care**

HB 2313, creating the born-alive infants protection act; providing legal protections for infants born alive; requiring certain standards of care by healthcare providers for infants who are born alive; providing criminal penalties and civil liability for violations of the act. Rep. Schreiber, E. Smith and Droge voted Yea.

HB 2262, concerning public health; relating to embalmer educational requirements; allowing an individual to complete six months of an embalmer apprenticeship prior to enrolling in a school of mortuary science. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

HB 2015, concerning public health; authorizing the designee of an employing agency or entity to petition the court for an order requiring infectious disease testing; requiring such petition to contain a physician's statement that the test results sought are required for the exposed employee's medical treatment. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

SB 24, concerning insurance; relating to coverage for autism spectrum
disorder; changing the required number of employees contained in the definitions of
"large employer" and "small employer." Rep. Schreiber, E. Smith and Droge voted Yea.

**Higher Education**

HB 2092, relating to the membership of the Washburn University Board of Regents; reapportioning the districts of certain members thereof. Sen. Longbine voted Yea.

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