

Resolution No. 2004-18

*A resolution petitioning the Kansas Association of Counties for an amendment to its Bylaws, creating a Legislative Policy Committee and establishing the purpose and membership thereof.*

**Whereas**, Lincoln County is a member in good standing of the Kansas Association of Counties; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners is a member in good standing of the Kansas County Commissioners Association; and

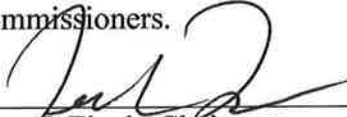
**Whereas**, the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners is the policymaking board for Lincoln County Government; and

**Whereas**, in a time when county government is being asked to do more with less, and to assume responsibilities assigned by the federal and state governments, it is altogether appropriate for the Kansas Association of Counties to be as strategic, dynamic, and effective as possible in its advocacy on behalf of county governments and their constituents in Kansas.

**Therefore, be it resolved** by the Board of Lincoln County Commissioners that the Board, acting through its voting delegate to the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Lincoln County, petitions the membership of the Kansas Association of Counties to consider and act favorable on the proposed amendment to the KAC Bylaws as attached.

**Be it further resolved** that a copy of this resolution shall be sent to the Executive Director of the Kansas Association of Counties, so that this matter can be considered by the full membership at the annual business meeting of the Association, to be held on Monday afternoon November 22, 2004.

**Approved** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004, by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

  
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Terry L. Finch, Chairman

  
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Dwight Heller, Vice-Chairman

  
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Doug Gomel, Member



Attest:

  
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Dawn M Harlow, County Clerk

**ARTICLE \_\_**  
**LEGISLATIVE POLICY STATEMENT**

Legislative advocacy is the core business purpose of the Kansas Association of Counties and, to that end, the Legislative Policy Committee is a standing committee of the Association. Annually, on or before the first day of each legislative session in January, the President of the Association shall provide notice to the membership of the Legislative Policy Committee for that year. The Committee shall be comprised of twelve voting members, including the six commissioners on the Governing Board, or their designees, representing the Northwest, North Central, Northeast, Southwest, South Central, and Southeast districts as provided in Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws; the President and Vice President, or their designees, of the Kansas County Commissioners Association for that year; and one county clerk, one county treasurer, one register of deeds, and one sheriff, each selected by his or her respective association in any manner chosen by such association. It shall be the duty of the Kansas County Commissioners Association, Kansas County Clerks and Election Officials Association, County Treasurers Association, Kansas Register of Deeds Association, and Kansas Sheriffs Association to notify the President and Executive Director of the Association of their representatives to the Association's Legislative Policy Committee, on or before the preceding December 31.

In addition to the voting members, the Legislative Policy Committee shall include ex-officio members, who will be non-voting members, representing various affiliate and associate membership organizations of the Association not otherwise represented on the Legislative Policy Committee. Such ex-officio members shall be appointed by the President of the Association upon nomination by respective associations for purpose of contributing information and additional perspectives to the Legislative Policy Committee.

It shall be the responsibility of the Legislative Policy Committee to develop and recommend an annual Legislative Policy Statement for presentation to the membership of the Association for its consideration and adoption at the annual meeting. It shall be the further responsibility of the Legislative Policy Committee to adopt legislative position statements on topics not addressed, either in whole or in part, in the Legislative Policy Statement most recently adopted. Legislative policy statements adopted by the Committee cannot conflict with the legislative policy statement adopted by the membership at the most recent annual meeting; however, they shall have the same full force and effect as if they had been adopted by the membership.