

State Program in Brief 2003-2005

GOVERNMENT

County Government

Promote the flexibility and efficiency of county government in Kansas.

Criminal Justice

Adult Corrections
Juvenile Corrections
Court System
Sentencing

Promote a human correctional system for adults and juveniles, promote a unified court system and the establishment of a division of the trial court of general jurisdiction to deal with legal matters relating to family and promote sentencing policies with death penalty provisions.

Education Governance

Support of an education governance structure that is efficient and accountable, that provides opportunity for public input, in which there is increased cooperation and coordination among its various components.

Election Administration

Support a state-wide standard for training poll workers and supervising judges; mandatory training requirements for all first time workers and all supervisory judges; base compensation set by each county for poll workers; training on the use of provisional ballots, with the Secretary of State educating voters statewide on provisional ballots, criteria for discarding and providing information, by county, of reasons for discarding provisional ballots.

Legislative Apportionment

Promote reapportionment of the Kansas Legislature on the basis of population at regular intervals.

State Finance

Support a broad-based state tax system with diverse sources of revenue that is effectively and economically administered. Support a school finance plan that makes equivalent resources available to each pupil regardless of the wealth of any particular district.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Environmental Quality

Hazardous Waste
Solid Waste
Water Resources

Promote the wise management of resources in the public interest and an environment beneficial to life, policies to reduce the hazardous waste stream and to ensure safe management and disposal of wastes that cannot be detoxified, government regulation of solid waste management and limits on use of non-renewable resources, and support action to maintain the supply and quality of water appropriate to various users through prudent planning and management of water resources. Support consolidation of natural resources and environmental agencies.

Land Use

Promote a system of land management which integrates our ecological needs with our social and economic needs.

Prairie Park

Support the development and maintenance of a national tall grass prairie park.

SOCIAL POLICY

Equality of Opportunity

Support action to combat discrimination and poverty, and to provide equal access to education, employment, housing and policy-making government meetings.

Support action to bring laws into compliance with the EPA.

Health: Medical Indigence

Support health care for all through joint cooperation of individuals, when feasible, employers and federal, state and county government.

Meeting Basic Human Needs – SRS

Encourage cooperation and continuity between agencies and programs that affect children and families to assure the basic needs of low-income families.

Children at Risk

Endorse the development and implementation of policies and programs that address the physical, psychosocial, and educational needs of children at risk, especially those at or near the poverty level.

Living Wage

Encourage establishment of a living wage policy by government for-profit businesses that receive tax incentives and/or other public funds.

Privatization of Child Welfare Services by SRS

Endorse the goals of the Kansas Child Welfare Services – safety, permanency, and functional development of all children for whom it is responsible. Promote greater involvement of all major stakeholders; efforts to have health, education and psychological records current and following a child, and well-trained and supervised staff. Develop baseline data and interfacing MIS for comparison purposes. Hold annual external and internal financial compliance audits of all contractors.