

## Kansas Senate Stands for Secure Elections in the State

Kansas elections are becoming the most secure in the country due to the legislature's actions over the past several years. The Kansas Senate took a further step to secure our elections by passing HB 2569 with a veto-proof majority.

"In Kansas, we will protect election integrity. This common-sense law safeguards our votes by cracking down on fraud and making signature verification a cornerstone of mail voting. It also ensures that challenges to our election laws are handled in a proper venue, bringing clarity to the process while preventing left-wing trial lawyers from hijacking our election laws," said Masterson.

## Fake Traffic Violation Scam

Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach issued a consumer alert warning Kansans about a growing scam involving fraudulent "Notice of Hearing" notices for alleged traffic violations.



Scammers are sending fake notices via text message and email that mimic official court documents. These notices often include realistic details such as court headings, case numbers, statute citations and a QR code or link directing recipients to pay a fictitious fine and associated costs.

"Courts do not serve legal documents on individuals via text or email," Kobach said. "Kansans should not respond to unsolicited messages or emails containing purported legal documents from courts requesting payments. Kansans should also avoid interacting with texts or emails that include alleged notices or direct the consumer to scan any QR code within them. If you receive any of these notices, please report it to my office so we can investigate."

### How to Spot and Avoid the Scam

Unsolicited delivery. Real court notices for traffic violations or hearings are never sent by text or email. Pressure to pay. The notices urge quick payment via QR code or link to "resolve" the matter and avoid further penalties. Professional appearance: They often feature official-looking formatting to appear legitimate.

### What to Do If You Receive One

Do not reply, call any provided number, scan the QR code or click any links. Interacting with the message could introduce malware to your device. Verify any claim independently. Contact the clerk of the relevant court directly using a phone number from the court's official website (never one listed in the suspicious message). Think before you act. Pause and double-check before responding to any unexpected legal communication.

Kansans who receive these fraudulent notices are encouraged to report them to the Kansas Attorney General's Public Protection Division at [www.ag.ks.gov](http://www.ag.ks.gov) or by calling (785) 296-3751 or 1-800-432-2310.



This group of Marshall County high school students showcased their talents in 2025.

## High School Talent Showcase on April 26th

High school students across Marshall County are invited to step onto the stage and perform at Marshall County's Got Talent on Sunday, April 26th, at 6 p.m. at the Waterville Opera House.

Marshall County Arts Cooperative is now accepting entries from students interested in performing solo or as part of a group of up to five.

Students are encouraged to think broadly about what they could bring to the stage, including music, drama, dance, comedy and more.

"This is about showcasing our high school students," said Chris Felder, the arts cooperative's vice president. "There is a lot of talent in our schools, and this is an opportunity to bring it together in one place."

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, including \$250 for first place, \$125 for second place, \$75 for third place and a \$50 People's Choice award.

The deadline to enter is April 12th. To register, visit [marshallcountyarts.org](http://marshallcountyarts.org), email [marshallcountyarts@gmail.com](mailto:marshallcountyarts@gmail.com) or call or text 785-859-4260.

*Marshall County Arts Cooperative is a countywide presenting arts organization whose mission is to unite Marshall County through the arts. The organization manages the Lee Dam Center for Fine Art and produces programs and events that bring people together through shared arts experiences.*

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