

ELECTION 2016

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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WHATS AT STAKE

- PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
- FEDERAL OFFICES
 - 1 SENATE SEAT
 - 4 HOUSE SEATS
- STATE OFFICES
 - ALL LEGISLATIVE SEATS
- LOCAL

ADVOCACY 101

TYPES OF ADVOCACY

- LEGISLATIVE
- GRASSROOTS/ COMMUNITY
- INDIVIDUAL PATIENT

CIVICS

POLITICS- DEFINITION

- Poli (many)
- Tics (blood sucking parasites)

EXECUTIVE

Sam Brownback
Term ends in 2018

Barack Obama
Term ends in 2016



LEGISLATURE

STATE
125 House and 40 Senate
All state legislators up for election

FEDERAL
435 House 100 Senate
Kansas- 4 House and 2 Senate
4 House and 1 Senate up for election



JUDICIAL

Supreme Court Justices
7 Kansas
9 Federal

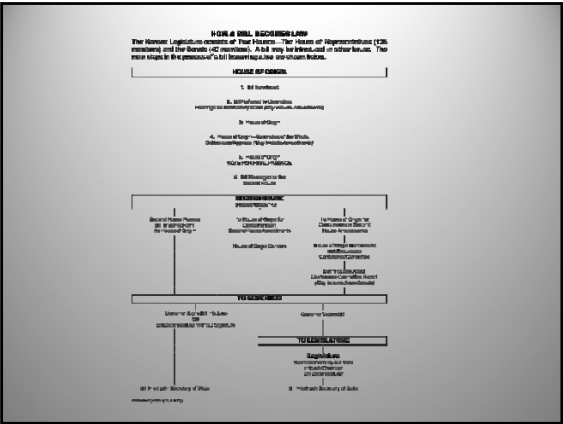
Ultimately chosen by
executive

Five justices up for re-
election in Kansas



HOW BILLS BECOME LAWS

- LEGISLATURE
 - Passes both chambers
 - 2/3 to over ride veto
- GOVERNOR/ PRESIDENT
 - Signs or vetoes
- JUDICIAL
 - Rules on constitutionality





COMMITTEES

- Bill introduced
- Schedule Hearings (at the behest of the chair)
- Public Testimony
- "Work" the bill (at the behest of the chair)
 - Amendments
 - Substitute
- Report back to chamber (House or Senate)
- If fails to get out Committee its dead (except it isn't)

CHAMBERS

- Committee of the Whole
- Debated by the members (maybe)
- Amendments (always)
- Voted on by entire Chamber (maybe)
- If passes then goes to the second chamber
- If fails it is dead (except it isn't)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

- Bills passed both chambers
- Bills are unlikely to be identical
- Members from both chamber (Chosen by leadership)
- Compromise bill that goes back to chambers

MAJOR PLAYERS

- Governor
- Speaker of the House
- Speaker Pro Tem
- President of the Senate
- Vice President of the Senate
- Committee Chairs

TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- Legislation should be the last resort
- Coalitions are important
- Need legislative leadership support
- There are no "gimmes"
- Process is lengthy- DON'T GIVE UP
- Know the process
- Must participate

MAJOR ISSUES

FEDERAL

- NEW ADMINISTRATION
- Access to care
 - CHIP Reauthorization
 - 2017 Medicaid expansion
 - Medicaid payments
- Gun Violence
- Child nutrition
- Social determinants of health
- AAP TRANSITION PLAN- *Blueprint for Children*

STATE

- “It’s the budget stupid”
- Medicaid Payment Cuts
- Medicaid Expansion
- Funding for Children’s Programs
- Safety net programs
- Poverty/Economy in the state

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

THE MOST IMPORTANT
KNOW THE ISSUES
AND VOTE!

PERSONAL CONTACT

- State/ Federal legislative web sites
- Talking points- AAP good resource
- Call the office
- Write a letter/ E-mail
- Meet with legislator or staff
- VERY IMPORTANT

TESTIMONY

- Written Testimony
- Appropriate letter head
- Introduction
- Limit to one page in length
- Bullet points- AAP good resource
- Use local information when possible

TESTIMONY

- Oral Testimony
- Short presentations
- Dress professionally
- Don't read written testimony-summarize
- Anecdotes
- Be prepared for questions
- You will be treated with respect!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

INVOLVEMENT

- Know community problems
- Work with other groups
- Letters to editor/Op-Eds
- Presentations/ Media Interviews
- CATCH Grants

INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITY

PATIENT ADVOCACY

- We do this every day
- MCOs
- Social determinants of health
- Safety nets
- Medical homes

QUESTIONS?
