

# Kansas Senate/House of Representatives 2020

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## 1. Candidate Information

### 1. Candidate Name

John Resman

### 2. Political Party Affiliation

Republican

### 3. District Number of Office Being Sought

House District 121

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## 2. Candidate Background

### 8. Occupation/Work History (last 5 years - 25 words or less)

Retired

### 9. If you are or have been affiliated with a chamber of commerce or other business organization, please list which organization(s) and any leadership positions you have held.

N/A

### 10. Other recent political/community experience? (25 words or less)

Johnson County Charter Commission

## 3. Issues and Policy

### 11. As a candidate, what are your top three policy issues? (30 words or less)

My top three policy issues are taxes, the budget, and public safety.

### 12. How would you propose to balance the state budget? What specific budget cuts would you support and what revenue enhancements would you consider, if any? (100 words or less)

The Consensus Revenue Estimate places a \$1.6 billion shortfall by the end of fiscal year 2021 and Legislative Research estimates a \$1.4 shortfall in fiscal year 2022. Each State agency plays an important role in our lives and every agency should

be considered evenly in the budget cutting process. The deficit will be temporary as the economy will eventually recover. Revenue enhancements I would like to see are a review of tax exemptions, sports wagering, and possibly medical marijuana.

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**13. What are your views on state tax policy, being as specific as you can? (75 words or less)**

The current state tax policies that trouble me the most are tax exemptions and food sales tax. Given the number of tax exemptions around \$1 billion each year and new ones added every year for different organizations the Legislature should review the many exemptions that have been authorized over the years. This could be one way to lower or eliminate food sales tax without drastically effecting our budget.

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**14. What are your views on K-12 public education funding? (75 words or less)**

In 2019 the Kansas Supreme Court ruled the State's public schools are constitutionally funded. With the Supreme Court's continued involvement in education funding the Legislature will be under the Court's jurisdiction for years to come and will be ordered to fund K-12 education to the Court's satisfaction, not the Legislature's.

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**15. What are your priorities in the new statewide Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program? (75 words or less)**

Some the of top priorities in the Eisenhower Legacy Transportation Program are US-69 in Johnson County and K-10 in Lawrence. Both have exceeded their traffic capacity. With continued growth in western Johnson County, my priority is to expand K-10 from 2 lanes to 3 lanes, from the Johnson/Douglas county line to I-435. Presently this section of K-10 has exceeded its capacity placing the safety of the traveling public in jeopardy.

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**16. What types of economic development policies will you support to encourage job growth and business expansion in Kansas? (75 words or less)**

First and foremost, ensure that the Department of Commerce is fully staffed and hold them accountable for increasing and keeping businesses in Kansas, especially in rural areas. We are in competition with 49 other states. I know tax incentives are not popular, but they are necessary, whether they are offered to businesses filling critical jobs, or students upon graduation by keeping them employed in Kansas.

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**17. What would you do to grow and develop the state's workforce? (75 words or less)**

In the past I have supported bills such bills SB-22 relating to income and business tax and HB-2415 the targeted employment act. I have also supported tax enhancements for students in high demand jobs to receive training and be employed by Kansas companies and will continue to support legislation that would grown and develop our state's workforce

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**18. What are your views on the state's role with respect to ensuring access and affordability of post-secondary education? (75 words or less)**

During the last session I supported the Kansas Promise Act. This act would identify the most needed occupations. Student entering one of these occupations would receive a scholarship at a Kansas trade or tech school or community college if they agree to work in Kansas for two years after graduating. It is programs like these that will drive down the cost of an education and fill the needs of Kansas employers.

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**19. What are your views on healthcare policy and Medicaid expansion? (75 words or less)**

Healthcare is changing, especially in the rural areas. Many rural counties are continuing to lose population making it difficult to provide needed services. Medicaid expansion will not save rural hospitals without growth and changing the way large rural hospitals do business. With the current predicted budget deficient we simply cannot afford expansion. Other states have underestimated the number and cost of expansion and it has severely impacted their budgets.

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**20. What role should state government have in determining workplace employment practices and benefits offered to employees? What workplace changes, if any, would you support? (75 words or less)**

State government should enact laws to ensure the workplace is free from harassment or an employee or applicant is not discriminated against. I believe benefits offered to employees are market driven.

**21. How control over decision-making is divided among the state legislature and local governments (including local school boards) on issues such as taxation, economic development, and education has been a matter of debate. What are your views on this issue? (75 words or less)**

I believe local control best serves the interests of Kansas. Given the diverse landscape of Kansas there are different needs throughout the state. Local control offers citizens the opportunity to improve their communities on important issues, better than Topeka can with its statewide approach.

**22. What do you believe most distinguishes you from your opponent(s) in this race? (50 words or less)**

I have seen our county and district grow over the years. Being a Deputy Sheriff and having daily contact with citizens of the county, I fully understand the expectations placed on their public servants, and I work daily to live up to those expectations.

**4. Thank You!**

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