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Repealer Looking for Suggestions at State Fair

TOPEKA – Kansans taking in the 2013 State Fair in Hutchinson will not only have a chance to shake hands with elected officials, view prize winning livestock and enjoy the rides on the midway; this year they can offer ideas on what Kansas laws and regulations should be repealed. The Office of the Repealer will be accepting suggestions at Governor Sam Brownback’s booth in the Meadowlark building.

The Office of the Repealer was established in 2011 by Brownback in an effort to reduce barriers to economic growth and job creation by repealing onerous laws and regulations. Over the past three legislative sessions, numerous antiquated statutes have been eliminated, but the Repealer is looking to the public for ideas that will have a significant impact on further improving the business climate in Kansas. In addition to the website at <http://repealer.ks.gov>, the Department of Administration, in which the Office of the Repealer resides, decided to reach out to Kansans at the state’s annual gathering.

“The State Fair draws a broad cross-section of Kansans, who will have a variety of experiences in dealing with government,” said Chuck Knapp, Director of Operations and Public Affairs for the Department of Administration. “We believe we can get some common sense suggestions from Kansans, who know first-hand how government policies inhibit their ability to create jobs, start businesses or raise their families.”

Knapp said Secretary of Administration Jim Clark is hopeful several ideas from the Fair will result in legislation for the 2014 legislative session in January.

“Secretary Clark would like to see Kansans who offer suggestions at the Fair show up in Topeka next year to see their ideas signed into law by Governor Brownback. That would be a tremendous testament to a process that encourages citizen participation in government,” Knapp said.

The Kansas State Fair runs through September 15 in Hutchinson.