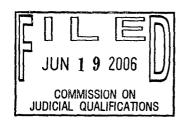


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The issuance of bonds to finance the construction of a new jail in the judge's district will be submitted to the electorate by ballot for approval. The question before us is whether the judge can publicly encourage the voters to approve the bond issue.

Yes. Canon 4B (2005 Kan. Ct. R. Annot. 569) provides in pertinent part that judges ". . . may speak, write, lecture, teach, and participate in other extra-judicial activities concerning . . ." the administration of justice.

The issuance of bonds to finance the new jail directly involves the administration of justice and may, therefore, be encouraged by the judge.

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