

# ***ALLEN COUNTY COURTHOUSE***

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To: House Committee on Elections

Re: Testimony on Senate Bill 171

From: Sherrie L. Riebel, Allen County Clerk

Honorable Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 171.

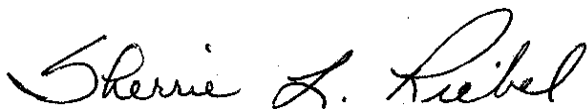
In November of 2014, Allen County had to use a 17" ballot to get US Senator, US Representative, Governor/Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Insurance, State Representative, State Board of Education, County Commissioner, two special questions, one constitutional questions, two Supreme Court Justices, eight Court of Appeals Judges, one District Judge, and one Magistrate Judge on one ballot, front and back. Normally our ballot in Allen County is 14" long, but I went to the longer ballot to allow voters to be able to read the font and to keep board workers from getting confused on handing out two ballots.

Every spring in odd-years Allen County has a community college, city councils, USD, and extension district election. The front of the ballot is filled with College, City, USD, and Extension candidates and then sometimes a special question which ends up on the back of the ballot. If we were to have City/School Elections in the fall with Federal, State and Local elections, we would be forced to have two ballots, if not more. Allen County only has 21 precincts, which is a very small county compared to other counties. This spring election for 2015 has **57 different ballot styles** just for Allen County, larger counties more ballots. In Allen County the reason there are so many ballots are school member districts within the same city wards and same townships. I am attaching a ballot for the same precinct for both the November Election and Spring Election. I would like to keep the ballot print large enough to be read, so this increased the size of the ballot.


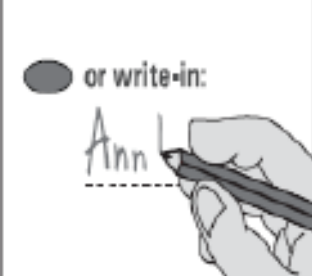
This is just the top reason why I would prefer not changing spring elections to the fall of even-years. This bill would cause a chain reaction and add more confusion than we can predict affecting cities, schools, colleges and county voters. A mail ballot would be a consideration if you are intending to increase voter turnout.



I urge the committee to report Senate Bill 171 as unfavorable. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sherrie L. Riebel  
Allen County Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT		GENERAL ELECTION	
ALLEN COUNTY		STATE OF KANSAS	
		APRIL 7, 2015	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> If you tear, deface or make a mistake and wrongfully mark any ballot, you must return it to the election board and receive a new ballot.  <b>Making selections</b>  To vote you must darken the oval completely. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and darken the oval to the left.  		<b>CITY OF IOLA</b> <b>For MAYOR</b> (Vote for One or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Joel Wicoff <input type="radio"/> _____  <b>CITY OFFICES</b> <b>For COUNCIL MEMBER</b> (Vote for One or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Aaron T. Franklin <input type="radio"/> Steven C. French <input type="radio"/> _____  <b>UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 257</b> <b>For MEMBER DISTRICT 2</b> (Vote for One or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Douglas M. Dunlap <input type="radio"/> _____  <b>For AT LARGE POSITION</b> (Vote for One or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Daniel L. Willis <input type="radio"/> Virginia Macha <input type="radio"/> _____  <b>EXTENSION DISTRICT</b> <b>SOUTHWIND EXTENSION DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER</b> (Vote for Two or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Job D. Springer <input type="radio"/> Darrell R. Monfort <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____	
<b>ALLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b> <b>For ALLEN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b> (Vote for Three or fewer) <input type="radio"/> Delbert E. Nelson <input type="radio"/> Spencer W. Ambler <input type="radio"/> Mary Kay Heard <input type="radio"/> Ken McGuffin <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____ <input type="radio"/> _____			
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OFFICIAL BALLOT		GENERAL ELECTION	
ALLEN COUNTY		STATE OF KANSAS	
NOVEMBER 4, 2014		NOVEMBER 4, 2014	
<b>INSTRUCTIONS</b> If you tear, deface or make a mistake and wrongfully mark any ballot, you must return it to the election board and receive a new ballot. <b>MAKING SELECTIONS</b>  To vote for a person, darken the oval to the left of the person's name. To vote for the pair of candidates, darken the oval to the left of the names of the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor. <b>OPTIONAL WRITE-INS</b>  To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the person's name in the blank space and darken the oval to the left. To vote for persons for governor and lieutenant governor whose names are not printed on the ballot, write the names of such persons in the blank spaces and darken the oval to the left.		<b>STATE OFFICES</b> <b>For Attorney General</b> Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> A. J. Kotich Topeka Democratic <input type="radio"/> Derek Schmidt Independence Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For State Treasurer</b> Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Carmen Aldritt Topeka Democratic <input type="radio"/> Ron Estes Wichita Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For Commissioner of Insurance</b> Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Dennis Anderson Overland Park Democratic <input type="radio"/> Ken Setzer Leawood Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For State Representative</b> DISTRICT #9 Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Kent L. Thompson LeHiHarpe Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For State Board of Education</b> District #9 Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Jim Porter Fredonia Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>SUPREME COURT</b> <b>For Justice</b> Vote Yes or No Shall Eric S. Rosen, Topeka, Position No. 4, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Lee Johnson, Caldwell, Position No. 6, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>COURT OF APPEALS</b> <b>For Judge</b> Vote Yes or No Shall Stephen D. Hill, Topeka, Position No. 1, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>For Magistrate Judge</b> Vote Yes or No Shall Thomas M. Saxton, Jr., Iola, 31st District, Position No. 1, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>NATIONAL OFFICES</b> <b>For United States Senator</b> Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Randall Batson Wichita Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Greg Orman Olathe Independent <input type="radio"/> Pat Roberts Dodge City Republican <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For United States Representative</b> 2ND DISTRICT Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Christopher Clemmons Shawnee Libertarian <input type="radio"/> Lynn Jenkins Topeka Republican <input type="radio"/> Margie Wakefield Lawrence Democratic <input type="radio"/> _____		<b>COURT OF APPEALS</b> Shall Patrick D. McNary, Overland Park, Position No. 4, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton, Position No. 5, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Henry W. Green, Jr., Leavenworth, Position No. 7, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Anthony J. Powell, Wichita, Position No. 10, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Tom Malone, Wichita, Position No. 11, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Michael B. Buser, Overland Park, Position No. 12, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Shall Melissa Taylor Standridge, Leawood, Position No. 13, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <b>DISTRICT COURT</b> <b>For District Judge</b> Vote Yes or No Shall David W. Rogers, Fredonia, 31st District, Division 2, be retained in office? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
<b>STATE OFFICES</b> <b>For Governor/Lieutenant Governor</b> Vote for One Pair or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Sam Brownback/Jeff Colyer Topeka/Overland Park Republican <input type="radio"/> Paul Davis/Jill Docking Lawrence/Wichita Democratic <input type="radio"/> Keen A. Umbehr/Joshua J. Umbehr Alma/Wichita Libertarian <input type="radio"/> _____ <b>For Secretary of State</b> Vote for One or Fewer <input type="radio"/> Kris Kobach Piper Republican <input type="radio"/> Jean Kurtis Schodorf Wichita Democratic <input type="radio"/> _____		<b>VOTE BOTH SIDES</b>	

ALLEN COUNTY	STATE OF KANSAS	NOVEMBER 4, 2014
<p><b>PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT</b></p> <p><b>Explanatory Statement.</b> The constitution currently prohibits the operation of lotteries except for specifically authorized lotteries. A raffle is a lottery and is illegal under current law. A vote for this proposition would permit the legislature to authorize charitable raffles operated or conducted by religious, charitable, fraternal, educational, and veterans nonprofit organizations subject to the limitations listed. Nonprofit organizations would be prohibited from contracting with a professional lottery vendor to manage, operate or conduct a charitable raffle.</p> <p>A vote against this proposition would continue the current prohibition against all raffles.</p> <p>Shall the following be adopted?</p> <p><b>§ 3d. Regulation of "raffles"</b> authorized. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of article 15 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, the legislature may authorize the licensing, conduct and regulation of charitable raffles by nonprofit religious, charitable, fraternal, educational, and veterans organizations. A raffle means a game of chance in which each participant buys a ticket or tickets from a nonprofit organization with each ticket providing an equal chance to win a prize and the winner being determined by a random drawing. Such organizations shall not use an electronic gaming machine or vending machine to sell tickets or conduct raffles. No such nonprofit organization shall contract with a professional lottery or other lottery vendor to manage, operate or conduct any raffle. Raffles shall be licensed and regulated by the Kansas department of revenue, office of charitable gaming or successor agency.</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes". To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No".</p> <p>Shall the following be adopted?</p> <p>Shall the City of Jola, Kansas, be authorized, pursuant to the authority of K.S.A. 12-107 et seq., to impose a one-half percent (1/2%) Citywide retail sales tax (the "Sales Tax"), one-half of the revenue to be derived therefrom to be used for the purpose of assisting Unified School District No. 257, Allen County, Kansas (Jola) (the "District") in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds to be issued by the District in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 (the "District Bonds") until the District Bonds are paid or provision is made therefor, and the remaining proceeds to be applied to finance the costs of capital improvements throughout the City including, but not limited to public buildings and structures, construction of new public infrastructure, repair, maintenance and upgrading of existing public infrastructure, including but not limited to related internal costs and expenses and financing costs (collectively the "Capital Improvements"); provided that the collection of the Sales Tax shall commence on April 1, 2015; provided further that the imposition of such Sales Tax shall be subject to the following conditions: (i) approval by the voters of the City of this proposition; (ii) approval by the voters of the District at an election held on November 4, 2014, of a proposition authorizing the issuance of the District Bonds; and (iii) the execution of a cooperation agreement between the City and the District regarding the application of the Sales Tax to assist in the repayment of the District Bonds?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>	<p>To vote in favor of any question submitted on this ballot, darken the oval to the left of the word "Yes". To vote against it, darken the oval to the left of the word "No".</p> <p>Shall the following be adopted?</p> <p>Shall Unified School District No. 257, Allen County, Kansas (Jola), issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$50,000,000 (the "District Bonds") to pay the costs for: (a) acquire and improve a site, and thereon construct, furnish, and equip a new Pre-K through 8th Grade elementary school facility and construct, furnish, and equip a new high school facility; (b) renovate and improve the existing middle school facility; (c) demolish certain District buildings, as necessary; (d) make all other improvements (collectively the "District Projects"); and (e) pay the costs of issuance and interest on the District Bonds during construction of the District Projects, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq.; K.S.A. 25-2018(f); K.S.A. 72-6701; and K.S.A. 75-2215 et seq. provided that the issuance of the District Bonds shall be subject to the following conditions: (A) approval by the voters of the City of Jola, Kansas (the "City") at an election held on November 4, 2014, of the imposition of a one-half percent (1/2%) Citywide retail sales tax (the "Sales Tax"), one-half of which shall be applied to the debt service requirements on the District Bonds until the same are paid or provision is made therefor, the collection of which shall commence on April 1, 2015, or as soon thereafter as permitted by law; and (B) the execution of a cooperation agreement between the District and the City regarding the application of the Sales Tax to assist in the repayment of the District Bonds?</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="radio"/> No</p>
<p><b>VOTE BOTH SIDES</b></p>		
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