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RE: Senate Bill 171

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to voice my strong opposition to the legislature's serious consideration and/or passage of any election law revision that would make local elections partisan. I have read the talking points proffered by the Kansas League of Municipalities and would largely agree with the same.

I have served various municipal government entities my entire professional career, which spans 5 decades, and am convinced that nothing good or productive would come from introducing partisan politics into municipal, school board or county elections. Local elections should be about electing individuals to serve local communities whom have in mind the best interests of the citizens of such communities, and about principles and issues, not about which party any candidate may or may not belong to. Partisanship, and the unnecessary and, oftentimes, inaccurate baggage associated with the same, does not fit well into the legitimate reasons for electing candidates to serve at the local level.

Please include these comments in the written record of any hearings in this regard. Thank you for your considerations in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

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