

To: House Elections Committee
From: Spencer Duncan, Government Affairs Director
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Re: SB 6 – Ranked Choice Voting
Opponent – Written Only Testimony

Thank you to the Chair and committee for an opportunity to provide this testimony.

The League, and cities of Kansas, understand the intent behind this bill in preventing a costly form of elections and keeping the process simplified for voters and election offices. However, the League has concerns with the limitations it imposes on Constitutional Home Rule authority, as granted through Article 12, Section 5 of the Kansas Constitution.

Currently, the League is not aware of any cities in Kansas that use ranked choice voting in their election process, or any cities that have expressed interest in using ranked choice voting. Doing so would also likely require a shift in responsibility from who conducts the election – in this case from County to City. That creates additional obstacles, including cost, which makes it even less likely cities would move to ranked choice voting as an option.

The League believes authority on how to conduct local elections should be left to local elected officials. When Kansas voters approved Constitutional Home Rule, the goal was to allow local governments to make decisions that reflect their unique communities. If a local elected officials feel ranked choice voting is the most effective way to conduct elections, that authority should be left to them and their citizens to discuss and consider. As no city has made that decision to date, there is no reason currently to remove this option.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. I am always available to provide additional information and answer questions.



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