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MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson Bergquist
Members of the House Committee on Local Government

From: The Office of Revisor of Statutes

Date: March 3, 2025

Subject: SB 104 – Granting the Shawnee county board of county commissioners the discretion to create a citizens commission on local government.

Senate Bill No. 104 (SB 104) amends K.S.A. 19-2670 regarding the creation of a citizens commission on local government in certain counties. This statute was enacted in 1968 and has never been amended. Upon its enactment, the statute only applied to Wyandotte County. With the subsequent population changes in the state, the statute now applies to Shawnee County. K.S.A. 19-2670 requires the county to create a citizens commission on local government consisting of the Board of County Commissioners, the governing bodies of each city of the first class in the county, the trustees of each township in the county, the mayors of each second and third class city in the county, and the chairpersons of the governing bodies of the other political subdivisions in the county.

SB 104 would change the statute from a requirement of the county to discretionary authority of the county. Under the bill, the county may but is not required to create the specified commission.

SB 104 was placed on the consent calendar in the Senate and passed on a final vote of 40-0.

If enacted, SB 104 would become effective on July 1, 2025.