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House Local Government Committee
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SB 104

Kansas Association of Counties
Proponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Bergquist and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer proponent testimony on SB 104, which would eliminate the requirement for Shawnee County to create a citizens commission on local government.

KSA 19-2670 was originally passed to be focused on Wyandotte County. However, the statute was written identifying a population range rather than naming any county specifically. As a result, this statute now applies to Shawnee County, which falls into the population range.

At this time, there is no need to form such a commission in Shawnee County. Forming such a commission could result in additional costs for local governments to staff and operate the commission. SB 104 would simply make this commission optional, which would give Shawnee County the flexibility to create a commission in the future if necessary, without making it mandatory to do so.

KAC supports this change, and would encourage the committee to pass SB 104. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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