



Date: January 17, 2012
To: House Committee on Local Government
From: Nicole Proulx Aiken
Staff Attorney
Re: HB 2412

Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today on behalf of the League of Kansas Municipalities and its member cities.

The League appears in support of HB 2412 and the amendment proposed by Representative Gatewood because it provides for the dissolution of the City of Treece.

Over the past few years, the League has worked with the City of Treece to try and dissolve the city under K.S.A. 15-111. K.S.A. 15-111 requires an election before a city can dissolve. The City of Treece did not follow K.S.A. 15-111, however, because it wanted to ensure its citizens had utilities until the buyout; thus, HB 2412 is needed to ensure the City of Treece is properly dissolved. Further, the League supports Representative Gatewood's amendment because it clarifies that this bill applies to the City of Treece.

For these reasons, we request you pass HB 2412 with Representative Gatewood's amendment. Thank you again for allowing me to appear before you today.