

# Jefferson County, Kansas

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## COUNTY OFFICES

Commissioners  
863-2272

Clerk  
863-2272

Attorney  
863-2251

Sheriff  
863-2351

Register of Deeds  
863-2243

Treasurer  
863-2691

Clerk of the  
District Court  
863-2461

Engineer  
863-2211

Appraiser  
863-2080

Noxious Weed  
863-2581

Emergency  
Preparedness  
863-2247

Extension  
863-2212

Planning & Zoning  
863-2241

Ambulance  
863-2278

Health  
Department  
863-2447

February 13, 2012

## Senate Committee on Local Government

### Written testimony in Opposition to Senate Bill #385

Chairman Reitz & Committee Members,

This bill takes away the citizen's rights to elect officials to represent them. Since the early 1800's American citizens have patterned their government so that their local public officials are elected by the people.

My question is, why are we trying to fix something that isn't broken? If there is a problem in one community it is not necessary to change the process for all 105 counties. There are 309 elected Clerks, Treasurers and Register of Deeds across the state that are hard working, dedicated folks who want to do their job to the best of their ability. If they do not accomplish that goal the voters have the ability to remove them from office through the election process. If they are appointed by the Commissioners will the voters have that same ability or will they be hampered by a Commissioner's personal preference for who should be appointed to the office? Clerks, Treasurers and Register of Deeds are elected by the entire electorate of their County and provide a great service to the citizens of Kansas. Let's keep them elected.

I respectfully ask that you vote against Senate Bill #385.

Sincerely,



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Senate Local Government

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