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Testimony – House Elections Committee

**HB 2271** - Municipalities; elections; partisan; fall, even-numbered years

Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

**HB 2271** is an improved version of HB 2126 (2011-12 Sessions).

To summarize, Kansas is experiencing challenges in both our economy and our state budget which we have not seen in generations. Therefore, it is crucial that we look at everything we do as a state government to make sure we are streamlining all actions between state, county and local governments.

One area in which to find cost savings is to have any election process scheduled in either August or November to coincide with our state and federal elections.

There are several benefits to the proposed changes in **HB 2271**:

- State and local governments could save money by not requiring polls to be open as often or on as many dates during the year.
- Voter turnout would be increased for these elections; many of these critical elections are often decided by only a few voters and an extremely small percentage of the electorate participate in the election process.

In conclusion, **HB 2271** should save money and increase participation as we work together to improve our great state.

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