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CITY of ALTAMONT

To: House Elections Committee
Diane Brian, Committee Secretary

From: Herbert C. Bath, Mayor
City of Altamont, Kansas

Date: February 18, 2013
Re: HB2271

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my comments regarding HB2271.

In most towns in Kansas, partisan politics are not involved in local elections. Most Mayors are elected on issues, not to which political party they belong. The public is aware (in most cases) which candidate will strive for one issue or the other.

I think if the city elections were to be moved to the fall election cycle, local issues would be lost in the National and State issues. Many of the votes would be for either the Democratic or Republican party, not on the local issues at hand.

It is possible that the turn out might be greater, but is the number of uninformed votes more important than fewer informed votes?

I would encourage this committee to leave elections the way they are presently.
Thank you for the opportunity to be heard on this bill - HB2271.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herbert C. Bath".

Herbert C. Bath, Mayor