



TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
TO THE HOUSE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
ON HB 2210

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing on this bill. We appreciate the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2210.

HB 2210 addresses the situation where the voters have elected to expand their board of county commissioners. Kansas statute allows for a public vote to expand the size of the board of commissioners, and then directs the Governor to appoint the new commissioners. A recent situation employing this statutory process was Saline County, which elected to expand its board of county commissioners from three commissioners to five commissioners, with the Governor filling those vacancies instead of the electorate.

We believe the citizens of the community served by the county commission should vote for their commissioners. It is my recollection that the Governor said as much when he appointed the two new commissioners in Saline County.

We ask that you support the legislation. Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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