



SUBMITTED TESTIMONY

TO: The Honorable Mitch Holmes, Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

FROM: Whitney Damron
On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Coffey County

RE: SB 171 An Act concerning elections and voting; relating to certain
municipalities and special districts.

DATE: February 11, 2015

Chairman Holmes and Members of the Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections:

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Coffey County, Kansas, I am respectfully submitting these comments in opposition to SB 171.

In December, 2014, the Commission adopted the following statement as part of their 2015 legislative priorities:

The Board is supportive of keeping local elections as they are. We believe cities, counties, school boards and other locally-elected officials and their respective constituents are best positioned to determine whether elections should be moved from spring to fall, even or odd-numbered years, partisan or non-partisan. The State of Kansas should not dictate such matters to local units of government.

Accordingly, the Board of Commissioners of Coffey County would ask the Committee to not advance SB 171.

Thank you.

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