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Senator Mitch Holmes, Chair
Senate Ethics and Elections Committee
State Capital Building Room 237E

Re: SB171

Local city elections should not be partisan. They should be non-political. To change these elections to be partisan would mean the voters would vote for their party not the person who can do the best job in that position. Many people running for local seats do not want to be in politics. They will apply for a school board or city council seat to help that entity without feeling they must please their political party. The elections must remain the same to have elections every two years in the spring. I am presently a city commissioner in Chanute. I do not make my decisions on whether an idea would be good for my political party. My decisions are to be what I believe is good for the city and its residents.

Martha McCoy, Chanute City Commissioner