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Representative Ron Highland
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Dear Representative Ron Highland:

The following is the testimony towards the change of **Kansas Statue 19-206 Meetings of boards, monthly meeting in counties over 8,000.**

First, under current statue, we are required to meet on the first Monday of each month. However, we do not always operate in compliance with this statue each month, along with many other counties, because we cancel the meeting due to federally recognized holidays. As a newly elected County Commissioner, I would like to operate in compliance of Kansas Statues, although I believe we will not be when we cancel the meeting on above mentioned holidays. The holidays referenced are New Years, July 4th, and Labor Day.

Second, the decision of which day of the week that we conduct county business on should be the choice of the local representations. By using the "shall" language in 19-206, you have restricted us from chartering away from such statue.

I ask for your consideration of changing this legislation from "Monday" to "week" to allow us to be in compliance with statue 19-206. Also, to allow local authority to have the flexibility to conduct its business on the day of the week that is best for their operation.

Sincerely,



Travis Altenhofen
Pottawatomie County Commissioner