

# *CITY OF GALENA, KS*

THE KANSAS GATEWAY TO HISTORIC ROUTE 66

Re: HB 2376

Status: Proponent

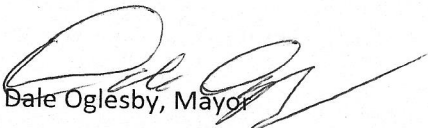
Chairman Johnson and Committee Members,

I support HB 2376 because this gives clarity and defined process to KSA 79-2925c regarding referendum for tax increases deemed necessary by local governing bodies for critical improvements that will provide services and growth in our communities.

Current statutory language is ambiguous regarding the election process and I believe this bill not only clarifies the referendum, it also gives authority to citizens to determine whether a referendum is necessary (i.e. spending more tax dollars on an election) or a proposed increase in the local budget is justified. All we are asking for is the ability for communities to make their own decisions and not be saddled with another (unfunded) mandate.

I believe the procedures spelled out in this bill will promote increased communication between local government and citizens while allowing true local control of decisions made within our communities. Thank you for your consideration and support of HB 2376.

Respectfully,

  
Dale Oglesby, Mayor