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House Elections Committee,

I am offering proponent testimony for HB2183. This bill simply states that the power to alter laws rests solely with the legislative branch. During the 2020 election cycle we saw a few issues with the other branches of government altering election laws and, in my opinion, doing so illegally. I want to ensure that this does not happen here in the state of Kansas. By putting the language in our statutes this will indicate that there is no wiggle room and that in order to change the law, it must be changed by the legislature.

I also believe that this legislation would not impact the ability of the judiciary to have their judicial review. If something is declared unconstitutional and struck down, that is different than altering a law in an attempt to derive legislative intent and in turn creating new law or election timelines without legislative action.

Additionally, the consent decree language is so that the legislative branch still has the ability to weigh in on legal matters that could impact how our current laws are written. If it is truly a non-controversial consent decree then the LCC should have no issues with approving the matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Blake Carpenter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Blake Carpenter