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House Elections Committee
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HB 2452

Kansas Association of Counties
Opponent Testimony – Written Only

Chairman Proctor and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer opponent testimony on HB 2452, moving all elections to even-numbered years.

While KAC understands the intent of moving all elections to even-numbered years, this move could prove problematic for voters. Moving all elections to even-numbered years would lead to longer ballots with more races. This could lead to ballot fatigue, as voters may simply turn in their ballots without voting on races further down the ballot.

Additional races may also lead to voters needing more time to fill out ballots, which could lead to lines in polling places where individuals may take longer to fill out a ballot with more races than anticipated. This could lead to longer wait times for voters. Longer ballots may also lead to voters overlooking a race because they are further down the ballot, or on the back of the ballot sheet. We oppose longer ballots and longer wait times for voters.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this perspective on this legislation.

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