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Proponent Testimony on House Bill 2769**

House Committee on Local Government

Chairman Bergquist and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2769 on behalf of the Kansas Association of Counties.

This bill reflects what is already standard practice in most Counties across Kansas. When subordinate service taxing areas are created, the expectation is that those serving on the governing body live within the area being taxed and served. In practical terms, HB 2769 largely codifies what is already being done. For that reason, we anticipate the overall impact on Counties to be minimal.

At its heart, this proposal reinforces a simple and enduring principle: when individuals who are directly affected by property tax decisions are the same individuals helping make those decisions, accountability is strengthened and public trust is reinforced. That alignment between representation and taxation is not just good policy — it is foundational to responsive local government.

For those reasons, we support HB 2769 and appreciate the Committee's consideration.

