



Date of Testimony: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Bill Number: SB 210: Allowing nonpartisan candidates for office to include such candidate's political party affiliation on the ballot with the candidate's name.

Disposition: Opponent; Written Only Testimony

From: Cille King, Advocacy Chair; League of Women Voters Kansas

To: Chair Thompson and Members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

The League of Women Voters of Kansas opposes SB 210 - Allowing nonpartisan candidates for office to include such candidate's political party affiliation on the ballot and also removing counties, cities, school districts and townships ability to determine their own rules regarding nonpartisan elections. This bill would remove the "Home Rule Authority".

Smaller jurisdictions often prefer to keep the discussions and actions on the immediate needs of the community, such as roads, policing, community resources, school buildings and staffing. By advertising and promoting party politics, there is more pressure to conform with party demands rather than the needs of the community.

Please vote NO on SB 210 because it is not wanted, not needed, and removes local government from the decision on how their government works.