



## City of Phillipsburg

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Kansas House of Representatives  
Election Committee  
State Capitol  
Topeka KS

RE: HB2271 An act concerning elections; relating to certain municipalities

Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

I request you oppose HB2271. By moving the municipal elections to the even numbered years in August and November, municipal issues will be lost in the myriad of statewide and federal elections. Many of the voters tire of hearing the constant barrage of political advertising during the state and federal elections and tune them all out. By continuing the elections in the spring, municipalities receive media attention on the local issues and our residents are informed.

Partisan elections have no business at the local level. We are here to work together on local community issues and we do not need to separate our council and commissions by political parties. Partisan elections limit who can participate in local government. Those who actively serve in the military and some federal employees are not allowed to run for a partisan elected office. Limiting the number of residents who can participate is not good for any community.

As the old saying goes, don't try to fix something that isn't broken. The municipal election process is not broken.

Sincerely,

Fred E. Robinson  
Mayor