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Local Elections: Date for Officials to Take Office SB 325

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The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City supports Senate Bill 325.

SB 325 would change the date for assuming office for city, school district, and other municipal elected officials following election from the first Monday in January to the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the board following the final canvass of the election.

This change makes sense and will eliminate the awkward "lame duck" session created by the current law. It will allow newly elected local government officials to take office sooner and get to work on the problems facing their communities.

The Unified Government holds a Commission Strategic Planning and Budget retreat in the Fall of every year. But that had to be delayed to 2018 because the new Mayor and Commissioners couldn't be sworn in until January.

SB 325 will be beneficial to the Unified Government and other local governments.