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Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
Supporting Testimony on SB 406 • March 4, 2020

Dear Madam Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony in support of SB 406, which would allow for the creation of the Sedgwick County Charter Commission.

One of the guiding principles of the Kansas Association of Counties is that of local control. When Sedgwick County was deemed an urban area under K.S.A. 19-2681, the Board of County Commissioners of Sedgwick County was allowed under the law to establish a charter commission. K.S.A. 19-2682 governs the membership of such commissions, but this statute currently is specific to Johnson County. This means that the Sedgwick County charter commission would have to choose its members from Johnson County, which was never the intent of the law.

SB 406 would correct this legislative oversight and allow the Sedgwick County charter commission to be selected from Sedgwick County residents, as intended. We urge the committee to recommend SB 406 favorable for passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jay Hall
Kansas Association of Counties