TESTIMONY OF THE KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO THE SENATE ETHICS, ELECTIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE ON HB 2102

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Chairman Bowers and Members of the Committee:

KAC supports HB 2102 as a means to clarify current law, and to inform the public that county commissioners can set the day and time of their meetings.

HB 2102 amends K.S.A. 19-206, the statute that sets Monday as the meeting day for county commissioners in counties that exceed 8,000 in population. A person reading this statute who is not well-versed in home rule, may believe this statute dictates the day that county commissioners can meet. Because this statute is non-uniform, Kansas counties that do not want to meet on Monday simply charter out of its provisions and set the day and time of their meetings by resolution. HB 2102 would enact law that accurately reflects the practice of counties now: they set their own day and time for meetings.

We ask that you support the legislation. Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.

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