

RESOLUTION NO. 022315-4

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE KANSAS STATE LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION OF MAKING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS PARTISAN AND MOVING TO THE FALL OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS

WHEREAS, the Senate Ethics and Elections committee of the Kansas Legislature originally considered SB 171, which would make nonpartisan city and school elections partisan and move to the fall of even numbered years to be held in conjunction with state and federal elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City feels that said legislation would unnecessarily interfere with local elections and would create the likelihood that local issues would be lost or ignored by voters during the course of large scale federal and state partisan elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City has concerns its issues would be relegated to the bottom of the ballot if placed with state and national elections leading to voter apathy with regards to said local issues; and,

WHEREAS, the City has concerns that partisan elections will harm the quality of city governments in Kansas and prohibit federal employees and active duty military from running for local office; and,

WHEREAS, the City is opposed to moving its elections to the fall of even numbered years.

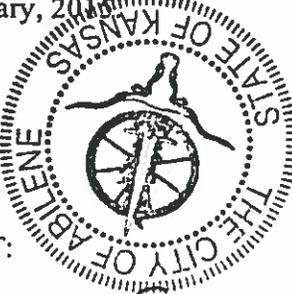
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Commission of the City of Abilene, Kansas, as follows:

SECTION ONE. Opposition; Moving Local Elections to Fall. The City of Abilene, Kansas, officially opposes SB 171, or any other legislation, that moves local elections to the fall of even numbered years to be held in conjunction with state and federal elections and makes local elections partisan.

SECTION TWO. Distribution. The City Manager is hereby authorized to provide copies of this Resolution to the City of Abilene's elected State Senator and Representative.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas this 23rd day of February, 2018.

ATTEST:


Penny Soukup, CMC
Penny Soukup, CMC
City Clerk

CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By:

Brenda Finn Bowers
Brenda Finn Bowers, Mayor