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Date: February 8, 2018
To: Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government
From: City of Overland Park
Re: SB 325 – Proponent (Support League Amendment)

The City of Overland Park (“City”) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support SB 325. This legislation would reinstate the term commencement process that existed prior to the election law changes in 2015. This change is supported in the City’s 2018 Legislative Policy Agenda.

The City also supports the League’s proposed amendment allowing cities flexibility to determine the date for terms to commence. This is good policy, as some cities may find value in waiting one or two months after an election for terms to commence in order to allow orientation activities for newly-elected officials.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 325. We respectfully request that the Committee advances SB 325 to the full Senate, and adopt the League’s proposed amendment.

