Testimony of the Kansas Association of Counties to the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government Neutral Testimony on SB 260 • January 23, 2020

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing the Kansas Association of Counties to offer testimony regarding SB 260, which would change the statute triggering a recall for municipal elections within a certain threshold.

KAC recognizes the importance of elections and the democratic process, and applauds the committee for considering ways to be certain that the people of Kansas have confidence in the way that ballots are counted in Kansas.

KAC is neutral on SB 260 as currently written, as the cost of recounts is not pushed onto counties. If, however, that cost were to be shifted to counties, KAC would have to reconsider its position on this bill, as the fiscal effects of that change would have to be studied.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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