

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-002

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS, OPPOSING THE KANSAS STATE LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION OF HB 2227 AND SB 211 REGARDING MOVING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS TO THE FALL.

WHEREAS, the House Elections committee of the Kansas Legislature originally considered HB 2227, which would move nonpartisan city and school elections to the fall of odd numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, the Senate Ethics and Elections committee of the Kansas Legislature is considering SB 211, which would move city and school elections to the fall of even numbered years and convert them to partisan elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City feels that said legislation would unnecessarily interfere with local elections; and,

WHEREAS, the City also has concerns this is the first step by the legislature to turn the currently non-partisan local elections into partisan elections; and,

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PAOLA, KANSAS that the City of Paola officially opposes HB 2227 or any other legislation that moves local elections to the fall of odd numbered years.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Paola officially opposes SB 211 or any other legislation that moves local elections to the fall of even numbered years and/or converts them to partisan elections.

ADOPTED by the governing body of the City of Paola, Kansas on this 25th day of February, 2014.

Artie Stuteville, Mayor

Attest: [seal]

Daniel G. Droste, City Clerk