

## **HB2580**

### **Short Title**

City unilateral annexation powers eliminated unless property owners consent to annexation.

Representative Kent Thompson, Chairman and Members of the Committee.  
House Local Government Committee

I am submitting testimony as a proponent of HB2580  
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This bill will benefit affected property owners as follows:

- Larger portion of affected property owners notified
- Larger portion of affected area will be informed
- The rights of the affected property owners will be recognized

Many hours organizing meetings, canvassing and research has brought up the need for this legislation. Many people were not aware of the proposed inter-local agreement that was brought to a vote on August 28, 2019. Many affected property owners were not aware of the proposed agreement once they were informed many became proactive. The Basehor City Hall occupancy is 56. So many people showed up to oppose the inter-local agreement they were standing outside in the parking lot. They had to park at schools and nursing homes and walk to city hall. The mayor saw how much opposition there was, a vote was taken and it was voted down. A comment was made after the vote, they will take a look at this issue again in the future.

As taxpayers we should have the right to vote as to what happens to our property and if the majority is opposed to the inter-local agreement or annexation, the majority vote should be the final determination, inter-local or annexation should not be adopted. We do not want to be part of the city, we wish to remain county. The proposed inter-local agreement is voted on by City Council members. We are county and do not get to vote for the elected City Council members. The statute states that we have 2 appointed county residents to represent the county, these 2 appointed do not vote in the City Council, therefore we have no rights. Also the statute should be changed so that the 2 appointed should be voted on by the affected county residents. The person elected should have no conflicts of interest.