

Honorable Chair, Senator Elaine Bowers  
Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections and Local Government

Proponent Testimony Senate Bill 248  
Hearing: Tue., February 4, 2020, 9:30 am, Room 142-S

Madam Chair and members of the committee:

I am submitting testimony as a proponent of SB248.

This bill will benefit affected property owners as follows:

- Notify many more property owners
- Save time involved in notifying property owners
- Educate property owners regarding governmental process
- Share concerns and questions with elected officials

I have studied the Inter-Local Agreement and am familiar with segments therein. I have written **several letters to the editor of our local newspaper expressing concerns explaining how the State granted, to Kansas cities, powers which supersede private property rights.**

If a city chooses to implement a version of the Inter-Local Agreement, county property owners within three miles of a city have no power to reject the city's authority to control private property.

This bill will make more people aware of city or county plans to make changes in neighborhoods. However, it does not go far enough to return property rights to citizens.

This is the first step in legislative changes which are necessary in order to return rights to property owners to be able to decide whether or not to be controlled or become annexed by a nearby city.

We, as property owners, do not have the right to vote for or against the enactment of an Inter-Local Agreement, nor, do we have the right to vote for or against those few city officials who have the power to introduce any form of Inter-Local Agreement.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you today.

Submitted by James Seeman  
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