

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2023

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 50
AND HOUSE BILL 50 RELATING TO PARTISON LOCAL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly has proposed bills in both the Kentucky Senate and the Kentucky House of Representative to require partisan local elections including the offices of county commissioner, mayor, legislative body members, all city offices, city ward, boards of education, school board candidates and soil and water conservation officers; and

WHEREAS, it has been the collective experience of members of this body that the question of party affiliation is an infrequent question during a campaign, suggesting the voters do not consider this issue a significant concern; and

WHEREAS, the statute currently allows local legislative bodies and boards to opt for partisan elections, giving those with the best insight into the will of their constituents the ability to make the change if it is desired by the voters; and

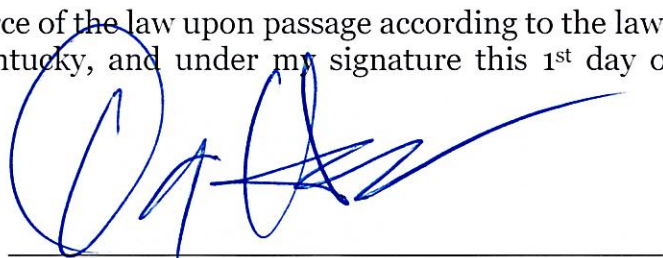
WHEREAS, this will represent a substantial increase in election costs and organizational efforts within our jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, we have recognized an increased challenge in finding qualified people to serve in local elected positions and see the addition of a primary election, as well as the potential for partisan acrimony, a further hurdle in attracting good people to these positions; and

WHEREAS, we ultimately see no significant benefit to requiring partisan elections that would warrant the additional cost and challenges presented by the requirement.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Fort Wright, Kentucky urges our State Legislators to vote against House Bill 50 and Senate Bill 50, as well as any other future legislation that requires partisan elections on a local level.

This resolution shall have the full effect and force of the law upon passage according to the laws and ordinances of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and under my signature this 1st day of February 1, 2023.



Mayor David Hatter

ATTEST:



Maura Russell, City Clerk