

Local Sheriff credits voter support of office

**(KNZA)--A local area Sheriff is offering gratitude for support shown at the polls Tuesday, keeping the office of County Sheriff an elected position.**

**That- one change that could have come if the Sheriff Amendment had been shot down.**

**Brown County Sheriff John Merchant sent a release Wednesday, which he says is on behalf of all of his fellow Sheriff- across the state of Kansas, in extending “thanks to the public that has shown their support for the office of Sheriff.”**

**Merchant, saying the amendment passed by a huge margin, adds that the defeat of the proposed changes “means more than you will ever know.”**

**Merchant and Atchison County Sheriff Jack Laurie, prior to Tuesday- general election, issued statements asking voters to turn down the potential changes.**

**Passage means that Kansas counties will be prohibited from merging the Sheriff-Office with another existing, local law enforcement agency, or eliminating the Office of Sheriff altogether.**

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