

March 6th, 2023

SB208 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee,

The remote ballot boxes were brought about as an excuse to assist voters during Covid-19. During the Sedgwick County 2022 Primary 1.4% of the voters used the drop boxes and during the 2022 General election it was around 2.2%. Based on these numbers, I do not believe enough voters are utilizing the remote ballot boxes to make them worth the time, expense and manpower required to have them available to voters. For years, Kansans managed to vote without the use of drop boxes and I see no issues with eliminating them. The "reason" they were introduced no longer exists. When the other side argues that eliminating the remote ballot boxes will disenfranchise voters remind them that everything in life isn't always about convenience and as long as the rules are the same for everyone then there is no disenfranchising. Voters found a method for casting their votes prior to drop boxes and they will find a method once again.

Please support SB208 and pass it out of committee!

Regards,

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