

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Senate Elections Committee.

SB 221 was introduced as a result of conversations with several county election officials over the years.

The necessity of tabulating the votes of non-existent write-in candidates or others who haven't declared an interest in being a candidate is a time-consuming process that is wasteful for elections officials.

The necessity of certifying a write-in candidacy is a step in the right direction for serious write-in candidates who are interested in running a campaign for public office but for one reason or another have failed to formally file for public office.

The necessary exceptions for township and precinct office are not effected by the provisions of this bill.

Please contact your local county election officer for their opinion on the elimination of this election task.

Respectfully submitted,

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