

January 25, 2025

Bill: HB 2018

Opponent Written Only Testimony

Conferee: Mary Stang

Representing: Self

To Whom This May Concern on the Committee on Elections HB2018,

My name is Mary Stang and I am a resident of Sedgwick County. I am providing written testimony for HB 2018.

I am writing this testimony in regards to the house bill 2018 concerning the active duty military being assigned as poll workers. I believe that due to the fact that while active duty a person can be called upon at any time to deploy overseas or move to another base and could cause them to not be able to fulfill poll worker duties when there is an election. This could cause a shortage of workers at the polls the military personnel are assigned to. Another point to make is our elections are done by precinct and it is meant to give a voice to the people who live in those precincts. If someone who has no knowledge or interest in our community or precinct is working at the poll there could be loss of integrity and more possibility of compromise. It can also take a position that a local resident could fill. One last point is if the military is allowed to work at any poll whether they live there or not could be considered too much government over reach in our elections and the integrity and fairness of our elections could be compromised too. I believe that the military have enough to do keeping our Republic safe and should concentrate on those duties and stay on task.

Sincerely,

Mary Stang

Proud Lifelong Resident of Sedgwick County, Ks