

My name is Karly Gadell, and I am the spouse of an active-duty Army soldier. Our family is stationed here at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, although I vote back home in Illinois.

I am writing to support HB2018. This bill would give military families like myself the opportunity to volunteer as poll workers in our local neighborhoods, even if we vote somewhere else (due to the unique residency complexities of military life). So many military families are civically-minded folks who want to give back to the communities that have welcomed us in from far away. Removing the voter residency barrier to poll working would provide an additional channel for families to participate in the very democracy our service protects. I personally know many people who work for our local government. I can volunteer to help on campaigns, and volunteer in our community but I however cannot volunteer to do something as simple as working at a local poll. I would love to see this bill change that.

Respectfully,

Karly Gadell