

HB 2018

Webex – Opponent

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Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee members,

I stand in opposition to this bill on one basic principle, there is no statutory support for residents of this state who wish to help with elections or otherwise offer their time to help. I do not support out of state residents getting priority over residents especially within a solidified statute.

I believe that most people are good people, no matter their title or other affiliations such as profession or family ties. However, what I would like this committee to understand is that many folks attempt to give assistance to their county during an election and they are being denied. No matter the number of residents being banned from civic service within their county election process, I do not believe a special privilege bill is a wise choice.

I understand that not all 105 counties are the same, but unless the legislature intends to support a distinctive restriction from discrimination of any kind for residents of this state as well, I cannot support this bill in any manner.

I find it extremely offensive that the people of this state who care a great deal about elections are not allowed to help, yet we hear the excuse in those same areas that they are unable to find enough poll workers. It is my personal stance that incorporating non-resident poll workers could be extremely damaging should this bill pass. In some cases, we can have good intentions with a bill only to find it paving the way for unwanted issues later.

I would request that this bill be fixed or not be passed through this committee at all.

Thank You,

Missy Leavitt