

Date: 1-29-2025

Conferee/Presenter: **Jim Fouts**

Group Represented:

Bill Number: **HB2021**

Disposition: **Opponent as written**

Testimony: **Written Only**

Chairman Proctor, Vice Chair Waggoner, Ranking Minority Member Haskins, Committee Members: Bergkamp, Bergquist, Chauncey, Helwig, James, Meyer, Miller, Penn, Simmons, Sutton, Tarwater, Williams

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Having ballot boxes inside election offices where election personnel are working and visible is an inherent deterrent as compared to the remote ballot boxes that are usually under video surveillance. Video surveillance only monitors but does not secure the use of remote ballot boxes. With lines 10 through 12, ***and any other requirements that the secretary deems necessary to preserve the integrity of the ballots, the remote ballot boxes, and the election process*** it seems you are asking the impossible of the Secretary of State Office or even our legislative bodies because remote ballot boxes can only be monitored, not secured. Remote ballot boxes put in widespread use during Covid in cities of many states was investigated by True The Vote and their findings were presented in the documentary 2000 Mules. Many have seen this documentary and I'm sure some of you. What appeared to be illegal activity by many individuals referred to as mules in the documentary was on footage of surveillance cameras if they were even turned on, or mounted in a way to usefully record the activity. Many faces were not visible or clear enough to identify. Video cameras cannot be made to secure, only to monitor. Who is going to review this footage? It will likely only be viewed if a person sees something suspicious and has the courage to go to an election official.

Remote ballot boxes are only a convenience to the voter and if all the voters knew of the apparent fraudulent activity surrounding them most voters would want them gone. There are already many ballot boxes that don't seem to be a problem, locations and times for voters to drop their advanced ballots off. The difficulty to provide actual security of remote ballot boxes makes it impossible for the Secretary of State to preserve the integrity of the election process. It seems this bill would be better replaced with a bill that makes remote ballot boxes unlawful. Then some of the already lost integrity of our election process across the nation would be restored.

Respectfully Submitted,

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