

Jefferson County, Kansas

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February 13, 2012

Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections

RE: Written testimony in opposition to Senate Bill 388

Chair Huntington and Committee Members,

I believe that requiring election board workers to pass a proficiency test before they can work will drive the few volunteers we have away. We have good people that work for very little in the way of compensation and do so because they believe in civic duty and the election process. They do a good job managing the election for only working a couple days a year.

I am required to place a minimum of three board workers in each precinct. Many times I have to find board workers at the last minute when emergencies occur. Requiring a proficiency test would limit my ability to place emergency board workers.

If I am unable to get enough board workers to pass proficiency exams then it would be possible that a precinct would have to be closed and combined with another. That causes difficulty and inconvenience for voters and extra expense for this office.

Please vote against passage of Senate Bill 388.

Sincerely,



Linda M. Buttron
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