

HB2518 Opponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and members of the committee,

You may or may not know I have fought hard since August 2022 regarding K.A.R. 7-47-1 and the fact that the Regulation allowed for the use of ballot images in post-election audits when the statute, KSA 25-3009, clearly stated the ballot images “shall” be used. My concern with the authorization of this proposal to allow the SOS to adopt rules and regulations for the use of remote ballot boxes is another disregard for the statute will occur.

I understand the process for the approval of Rules and Regulations requires the Attorney General’s office to review for compliance with existing statute. This process didn’t work with K.A.R. 7-47-1, so why should I have confidence that it will work this time? I also understand another step in the process is for JCARR to provide input on the proposed Regulation. Are any members of JCARR from the election committee? If not, how do they know what the legislative intent was with respect to the remote drop box legislation? Unless they go back and listen to the hearing and final action on the bill, they won’t know what the legislative intent was and. As history shows, that lack of legislative intent knowledge can cause issues.

Based on my experience with K.A.R. 7-47-1, I can not in good conscience support this bill.

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