

March 16, 2023

Honorable Chairman Thompson  
and Members of the Committee

RE: HB2086 (Opponent) – Written Only

I respectfully want to share a few of my concerns with HB2086 and request the committee oppose this bill.

First of all the bill has so many changes in it that the several of these changes should be stand-alone bills in and of themselves. This bill gives far too much power to the Secretary of State in our election process. Our founding fathers fought to prevent the single-handed power this bill gives the SOS.

Next, this bill would prevent (object) precinct people from being poll workers. It is as though this bill is trying to eliminate the powers of the precinct people. The bill states that there are criteria's that must be met. Understandable. Then there should be no need for the wording that the State or County Party Chair can "object" to a precinct person as a poll worker.

Then there is my greatest concern in regards to preserving and protecting the data of elections on the electronic equipment. It appears to me that this bill, as it is worded, would eliminate any chance to for the machines to be examined if there were questions of election integrity. Hopefully, this is not the purpose for this bill.

I ask the committee to please oppose HB2086 as the bill has far too many areas in it that would cause election fraud and not provide election integrity.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,  
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