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I am writing as a PROPONENT of HB 365. With three weeks of advanced voting and the election occurring at the same time every year, the allowance of ballots AFTER election day is unnecessary and cumbersome. It requires additional staffing, resources, and time for the election workers and clerks to count and tabulate votes. It also delays the results and many people, myself included, who already have trust issues with the current mail ballot setup will then question the influx of post-election day votes when/if an election flips as a result of these ballots coming in late.

Lastly, I would offer an amendment to this bill to preclude "a county-maintained election drop box" from the bill as those have never been explicitly approved for use by the legislature via statute. Those should be banned from use and mail ballot should be severely limited to indefinitely confined voters and the military.

Thank you,

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