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### **Testimony on HB2512 (Oral Neutral)**

Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs  
Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Chairman Thompson and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 2512, which passed the House 97-23.

**Background:** Under current law, counties must provide in-person voting on the Monday before election day, up to noon. The Monday before election day is, therefore, hectic given that county election offices must not only conduct in-person voting but must also assemble and transport election equipment and supplies to polling places, finalize staffing requirements, and ensure the poll books that will be used at election day polling places are updated with all votes cast in-person or received by mail on Monday.

**Intent of HB2512:** The intent of HB2512 is to alleviate the pressure on county election officials while minimizing any potential voter confusion in the transition. In summary the bill implements the following changes

For 2024 Elections: [Bill Section 1, Section 3]

- In-person voting must occur for at least 4 hours on the Saturday before the election.
- In-person voting may take place for additional hours on Saturday and on the Sunday before the election
- In-person voting must occur on Monday before the election until noon

For 2025 and after Elections: [Bill Section 2, Section 4]

- In-person voting must occur for at least 4 hours on the Saturday before the election.
- In-person voting may take place for additional hours on Saturday and on the Sunday before the election
- In-person voting would not occur on the Monday before the election, except the election officer may allow it for good cause shown.

**Concerns:** Although the articulated intent is clear, the bill's current amended wording may cause confusion. Also, the provision on pg. 8, ln 17-19, concerning Monday voting for "good cause shown" could result in an overbroad exception.

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