

Re: HB 2499, I am in opposition of this bill due to 3 factors. All of our voting laws require a signature on record. This bill would subvert that basic protection. The bill requires an electronic voter registration system to allow qualified individuals to register to vote if individual has social security number. It requires the system to enable individuals to submit an electronic image or digital copy of signature. It also requires the system to allow approved third-party organizations to submit registration cards electronically on behalf of individuals.

Electronic voter systems are proving to be easily manipulated and subject to fraud all up and down the voting process. Until a secure system can be guaranteed, our elections will be at risk. Extending motor-voter to other agencies is irresponsible and only opens the door to illegal voter registrations.

This bill would require the Secretary of State to coordinate with the Department of Revenue to obtain address information from individual tax returns to verify the address of voters contained in voter record. It also authorizes county clerks to use this information to update address if necessary. This part of the HB 2499 has some merit as the voter roles are not up to date which leads to voters potentially receiving multiple ballots to different addresses.

Thank you,
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