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I have also submitted testimony against HJR 3, which applies to HJR 11 as well; I is presented in part here, below with an addition that applies specifically to HJR 11.

As a lifelong progressive senior citizen, I believe in majority rule, NOT minority rule. This Bill would enshrine minority rule in ballot initiatives by enabling a dissenting county to, in effect, veto a ballot measure simply because its residents would not be happy if the measure eventually became law. They would deny the residents of many, perhaps even all, other counties the opportunity make their voices heard. This is NOT Democracy!

The bill also includes requirements for INCREASING the number of signatures needed to get a measure on the ballot. It is already so difficult to get enough signatures, that only two measures made it onto the ballot. This, also, is NOT Democracy. Bringing the sentiments of the people to the attention of the state as a whole should be made easier, not harder.

In summary, I strongly oppose HJR 11.