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Hello, and hope this message finds everyone well!

I would like to submit my testimony for the bill SB 210 - Makes in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election.

Based on the information available on the Secretary Of State's website, the voting fraud prevention is mostly focused on post-factum validations and is not concerned with the voter authenticity. In every aspect of our day-to-day interaction with either local, state or federal government citizens are required to authenticate themselves in order to do business with the government. Most of the time by using their gov issued ID. Why not for election purposes?

Our current process doesn't perform voter authentication at all, and although it is claimed to be transparent, is not really accommodating for transparency. A single person is not able to easily observe and examine currently existing validation process - signature and voter verification specifically, but also counts and recounts, and other activities. It simply not possible since all of these activities are performed on the scale so large and geographically so scattered. And then, it essentially means one should do all these activities themselves in order to make sure each vote is legit. How is it transparent and even feasible?

Having voters authenticate themselves prior to casting votes makes it more secure and increases trust in the system. It makes sure the initial votes intake is clean of any fraudulent votes coming from or on behalf of those who are not supposed to be casting them. The rest of validations would not be concern with authenticity of the votes, but with the correct count of those thus making the process more secure.

We do show our IDs in order to buy a can of beer for what it worth, but not to cast a vote, what a miracle?

Thank you!