

Testimony Against HB033

Please vote against HB0333.

In theory, these large social media platforms claim that they are essentially giant bulletin boards where people are free to post all sorts of information. Since they are all allegedly not editors, the Federal government holds them harmless if people post vile, disgusting articles or inaccurate, misleading articles.

I am against using these companies as the arbiters of truth. First, this bill would force them to be editors when it is against their stated position not to do so by having them prevent, detect and remove accounts and posts that communicate election disinformation.

Second, these companies have already shown that they are biased politically and have suppressed information contrary to the owners' political beliefs or have assisted the Federal government in suppressing certain information it disliked.

Third, by having proposed fines, I would think that these companies would suppress more election information than you might suspect based on when in doubt, leave it out.

I am also concerned about the data that the State Board of Elections would receive from these companies and what they would do with it. Forcing them to contact anyone who may have received "misinformation" sounds like a huge increase in workload that would hinder the already difficult job they need to do to hold fair and accurate elections.

Please vote against HB0333, as I believe this bill is an egregious attack on free speech to allow these high tech social media firms to be the arbiters of what is or is not misinformation based on their documented history of biased political agendas..

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