

Testimony Against HB0641

Please vote against HB0641.

Has anyone done a study showing that this service is wanted by a sufficient number of the public and if desired, can it be done in a cost effective and secure manner? There is no fiscal impact study for this bill.

If one receives a ballot by mail, prepares it, and drives to, or takes public transportation to, a drop box, isn't that essentially "curbside" voting? What is the advantage to the voters of being checked-in by a judge outside a polling place and submitting their ballot in equipment outside the polling place versus entering the polling place and doing these tasks?

The Boards are tasked with having one curbside voting place. In selecting this site, they must consider accessibility of the location to historically disenfranchised communities (an undefined term), the proximity of dense concentrations of voters, accessibility of public transportation (not available in many rural areas of the state), and using community centers. These may be conflicting choices and the bill gives no input as to which factors are the most important (See section 10-316 (A)(2) on page 3, lines 3-13).

This bill seems to be a solution in search of a problem primarily solved by obtaining an absentee ballot in the mail and then traveling to a polling place to drop off the completed ballot.

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