

House Bill 44
Judiciary Committee
FAVORABLE

Honorable Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and Members of the Judiciary Committee;

As members of the Judiciary Committee, I'm sure you agree that the judicial system should be nonpartisan, and rule according to the law. While it may be questionable to trust the election of judges to the people, there should be no question that such an election should be fair. Preventing unaffiliated and third party voters from fully participating in the elections for nonpartisan positions makes the positions themselves partisan.

In 2018, the winner of my county's circuit court position was determined in the primary election when both the Democrats and the Republicans agreed to elect Mark Crooks. There was no opportunity for unaffiliated and third party voters to have a say. How is this acceptable?

Please show that you believe that every voter should have a say by giving House Bill 44 a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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