

Testimony for HB 1119 - SUPPORT for the bill

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As a campaign volunteer, during elections I place signs and have a presence at polling places. It is often difficult to know exactly where the election boundaries are. As a result, I have at times placed signs both too far away from, and too close to the polling place entrance. In fact, many volunteers may not know where they should be to support their candidate.

HB 1119 would make it very clear to volunteers exactly where they are allowed to place signs and show their presence in support of their candidate(s). Aerial photographs with the election boundaries should be quite easy to generate and would clarify this issue to a great degree. It would allow less experienced volunteers and candidates to support their candidate(s) as effectively as a seasoned veteran, allowing them to compete on equal footing.

During previous elections, I have also had trouble finding the correct entrance to the polling place where I am to vote. HB1119 would require the aerial photo with boundaries clearly marked to be posted on the state and local Board of Elections websites for all voters to access before heading to the polls.

Respectively submitted,

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