

HB1489 – UNFAVORABLE UNCONSTITUTIONAL!

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NO! Absolutely not! This is an extra expense to the State and the taxpayer to mail out the absentee ballot to everyone. This is senseless!

It also is unconstitutional because it violates the fair elections guaranteed in the Constitution and in the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) which was passed for the purpose of ensuring accurate, current voter registration rolls. Congress' power to pass NVRA comes from Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the US Constitution, the Necessary and Proper Clause, making accurate voter rolls a requirement to uphold the right of the people to choose their representatives.

Sending out an absentee ballot to everyone violates this act and encourages cheating! People will be able to share ballots and have many be sent in from people who may or may not be registered to vote. The recipient of the application will just send it in because they can.

It also creates unnecessary work load on the elections boards to 1) send out all the applications, 2) properly handle an application so that an absentee ballot only gets sent to a registered voter, and 3) the election judge has to verify etc the ballot when it is returned.

An absentee ballot should be the exception to the rule; something that happens minimally due to unforeseen circumstances of the voter. Sending out applications to everyone makes it the norm not the exception.

We the People want in person fair hand counted elections!

I request an unfavorable report, more importantly because it pressures the integrity of our elections systems, THIS BILL NEEDS TO BE WITHDRAWN.

Thank you.

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