

## **SB0018 – Favorable**

Honorable Senators

I support reducing the number of days on which early voting centers are required to be open before a primary or general election. By requiring early voting centers to be open through the second Monday, rather than the Thursday before the election, I believe, but have no evidence, that this bill would:

- reduce the costs of early voting
- give the boards of election more time to process the results and prepare for the one-day primary or general election
- make it easier to get volunteers to staff the early voting centers
  - It should be easier to get crews for 5 days instead of 8 days
  - Instead of two crews for 4 days, they could have 1 crew for 5 days or two crews of 2 days and 3 days, each

It would have been beneficial if there had been a fiscal impact study to show a justification for reducing the number of days. Has the number of early voters declined as the use of absentee ballots increased? What benefits would occur if early voting was decreased by 3 days, and what, if any, drawbacks would occur by decreasing early voting by 3 days?

Was there any analysis as to how many days early voting should be? Would changing early voting to 6 days or 4 days have been more cost effective than reducing it to 5 days?

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