

SB0066 – Favorable

Honorable Senators

I support:

- requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place;
- requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process from elderly voters and voters with disabilities so they can make immediate adjustments to the process.

Based on the bill, I meet the definition of elderly, but currently, not the definition of being disabled.

However, I have had my mobility restricted temporarily from a broken foot and a sore back. Fortunately, so far, my age has not hampered my ability to stand in line and process my ballot at a voting station. Also, neither injury occurred during the latest election period. However, if the injuries had occurred during the election, it would have been beneficial if there had been a place to sit until it was my turn to check-in, and to sit until a voting station was open.

While I can imagine the benefits of this bill, it would have been informative to have an estimate of the costs or whether existing voting centers would have the space to create seating areas for seniors and disabled. Assuming that the boards have the logistics and funding to make the changes required by this bill, please enter a favorable report for SB0066.

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