

HB0287 – Election Law – Unfavorable

Honorable Delegates

I do not support this bill.

In general, I would think it may be difficult to do a good job fulfilling both the duties of an elected public office and an elected member of a County Central Committee. However, if a person believes [s]he can do both and the people knowing that person will be doing both elect her/him to both, then our right to choose that person should not be abridged.

This bill does not contain any information as to why a person should not be allowed to do both.

What is the harm, if any?

The Central Committee's functions include recruiting candidates to run for office, as well as providing advice to candidates regarding campaigning and fund raising. I believe having an elected office holder on a Central Committee can provide valuable experience to the Committee regarding the selection of viable candidates, running a successful campaign, and doing fund raisers.

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