

Testimony Against HB0839

Honorable Delegates

Please vote against HB0839.

I am against

- Providing that a voter is qualified to vote a provisional ballot if the provisional ballot was cast because the voter claimed a different political party affiliation from the political party affiliation on record for the voter and the voter made a selection in a nonpartisan board of education contest; and
- requiring a local board of canvassers to count only the votes cast in a nonpartisan board of education contest for those provisional ballots.

At this time, the bill does not yet have any fiscal or policy note to help me understand why this change is needed. If I go to vote in the primary and upon check-in, I find that my party affiliation has been changed and I cannot vote for my party of choice any other way than by a provisional ballot, I would want all my choices counted for the party whose ballot I used and not just my choice for the non-partisan Board of Education position.

If I hear a better explanation of the need for this bill and the extent this situation occurs, I may change my position when I testify in-person. If I am registered as being against the bill, I will hear the testimony of those who favor the bill before I testify. As of now, I am invoking the principle of when in doubt, vote against change.

Please vote against bill HB0983.

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