

# Testimony For SB0029

Honorable Senators

Please enter a favorable report for SB0029.

I support:

- altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot;
- requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot **be written in plain language**;
- altering the deadline by which ballot questions must be prepared and certified;
- requiring the State Board of Elections to make certain information regarding a ballot question available for a public comment period; and
- requiring the State Board and each applicable local board of elections to post certain information relating to certain ballot questions for at least a certain period of time before the general election.

I support any effort to make our voting process more understandable by the public. Sometimes the issues are written in such a way one almost needs an attorney to help one understand the issue and what a vote for or against actually means.

Using complicated language often results in two outcomes: voters skip the issue because they do not want to risk voting for/against something they were against/for or making an error and voting for something they were actually against and vice versa because they did not understand the consequences of their vote or petition signature.

I believe adopting the plain language requirements in this bill and the other objectives would greatly improve the process.

Please enter a favorable report for SB0140.

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