February 16th, 2023

SB208 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

The remote ballot boxes were brought about as an excuse to assist voters during Covid-19. During the Sedgwick County 2022 Primary 1.4% of the voters used the drop boxes and during the 2022 General election it was around 2.2%. Based on these numbers, I do not believe enough voters are utilizing the remote ballot boxes to make them worth the time, expense and manpower required to have them available to voters. Having one remote ballot box at the election office should be sufficient to accommodate all voters. When the other side argues that eliminating the remote ballot boxes will disenfranchise voters remind them that everything in life isn't always about convenience and as long as the rules are the same for everyone then there is no disenfranchising. If a voter truly wants to cast their vote, they will find a way to do so.

Please support SB208 and pass it out of committee!

Regards,

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