

Opponent Oral Virtual Testimony on House Bill 2555

House Committee on Elections

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Chair Bergquist, Members of the Committee,

Voter Purging

HB2555 would expand voter roll cleaning procedures in a dangerous way that would wrongfully remove eligible Kansas voters from the voter roll. Kansas currently has extensive processes to keep voter registration records updated. The process in HB2555 would remove voters based solely on their decision to not vote in certain elections. The process would remove Kansans solely because they have not voted in two presidential cycles.

Example of Impacted Voters

2008 Last Voted – 2018 Unable to Vote

2010 Last Voted – 2020 Unable to Vote

Lack of Cure for Wrongful Purging

The reason wrongfully removing voters from the voter rolls in Kansas is so dangerous is that Kansas does not have any way to allow someone wrongfully removed to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted. Wrongfully purged individuals in Kansas would be subject to the 21-day voter registration deadline. This means the voter who registered to vote will show up on Election Day having had their registration deleted and therefore being unable to re-register or re-activate their registration.

I recommend this committee oppose HB 2555. I'm happy to stand for any questions when appropriate. Thank you,

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