

March 8th, 2023

SB209 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and Members of the Committee,

I respectfully request your support of SB209. Voting is a right bestowed upon citizens by our Constitution. I agree that everyone should have an equal opportunity to cast their ballot. Unfortunately, there are people in this world who habitually miss deadlines, so extending them won't help these people. I also understand that the US Mail service is not perfect. Again, no matter how much you extend the deadline, there will always be an instance in which a ballot is not returned by the due date. As long as the rules are the same for everyone, then no one can say they are being disenfranchised. Covid provided many excuses to change our election laws in the name of "safety". Now that we desire the laws be more strict again, many are complaining because some of the convenience of voting might be removed.

Polling locations have ballot boxes at which voters may deliver their ballots. Unless SB208 is passed and signed by the Governor we have drop boxes and an abundance of US mailboxes for delivery of ballots. Even if a voter receives their ballot a day or two before Election Day, there are multiple options for delivery of their ballot prior to the close of polls at 7 pm on Election Day. There is absolutely no reason a voter should need an additional 3 days after Election Day for their ballot to be received.

Election Day has become long enough and I encourage the Committee vote to pass SB209 favorably out of committee.

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