

Opponent Oral Testimony on House Bill 2438  
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HB 2438 ("Imposing restrictions on websites that can accept and transmit voter registration applications") will confuse and possibly disenfranchise well-meaning new voters.

HB 2438 seems to be "moving fast and breaking things." How are people registering this year supposed to know whether the SOS has approved a particular service? How can they even know about the new ban, if the state doesn't begin implementing it for a year after it takes effect? This is confusing.

HB 2438 is also unreasonable to prohibit a registering service even to ★store★ information provided by the applicant. The registration assisting service needs contact information in order to send voter-specific reminders of deadlines. The KS-SOS doesn't send these reminders.

Conclusion: HB 2438 seems hastily written. It cannot achieve its stated purpose, because people are already registering to vote for this year's elections using these services. This bill shifts the rules as they are in motion. It will fail to inform, confuse, and possibly disenfranchise would-be Kansas voters. Please reconsider this Act's timeline and whether each of its provisions is even necessary.