

Opposition Written Testimony on HB 2438

House Elections Committee
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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee,

I am writing you today to voice my opposition to HB 2438 because this bill will allow the Secretary of State to ban any online voter registration tool for no reason at all. I don't care what political party they are, no Secretary of State should ever have this power.

This bill will also take away local control of election officials by banning them from accepting online voter registration from anywhere the Secretary of State hasn't personally endorsed. Again, this is not a power any Secretary of State should have. With the law going into effect immediately, there would be no rules or regulations required for online voter registration tools to follow in order to be endorsed by the Secretary of State until after the 2026 elections.

It seems to me that Instead of doing their job to make it easier to participate in our democracy, politicians are trying to rig the system in their favor. They want to change voter registration rules right before an election. This silences voters and makes voting tougher for everyone.

You must protect Kansans right to vote, that is why I urge you to vote No on HB 2438.

Thank you
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