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**Testimony to the House Elections Committee**

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**PROPOSER, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL:** Opponent

**ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY:** Written only

Chair and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opposition to HB 2452.

Moving local elections to even number years will make it harder for voters to be well informed about local issues on the ballot. It is already hard to be a responsible informed voter. Consolidating all the elections onto one ballot will increase the noise level for voters with ads, flyers, and information focused on state and national elections. We need voters to be focused and informed on local issues too. The best way to do that is to keep local elections on the odd-numbered year schedule.

Please vote NO on HB 2452 and support informed participation in local elections.

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