

Testimony to the House Elections Committee

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Chair & Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my **opposition** to HB2452, Moving Local elections to even-year.

Voters are already tired of phone calls, text messages, and mailboxes flooded with campaign flyers during federal and state elections. Adding local elections to this already busy ballot will lead to even more of this and will result in voters tuning out. The legislature **should** be working to ensure that voter participation in these vital local elections is encouraged, not suppressed by political noise.

Moving non-partisan elections from odd to even years will also cast a partisan shade on non-partisan elected positions. This is completely unnecessary and inappropriate. Local elections are about schools, roads, utilities, zoning, and public safety— these issues deserve **focused** non-partisan attention, not competition with presidential or congressional races.

The media noise generated in even-years is dominated by national politics, which overwhelms and leaves little opportunity for discussion of local governance issues.

Please vote **NO** on HB2452.

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