

SB4 Written Only Proponent Testimony

January 20th 2024

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

SB4 is about creating clear, consistent rules for when ballots need to be received. By setting a firm deadline, we can reduce the chaos and uncertainty that sometimes arise when ballots trickle in after Election Day. This change will help election officials process votes more efficiently and provide timely results that the public can trust.

Previous opponent testimonies on this topic have suggested this bill would disenfranchise voters. It's important to note that SB4 applies uniformly to all voters, without discrimination. The goal is to make the rules fair and clear for everyone, strengthening our democratic process and ensuring that every valid vote is counted promptly.

While postal delays are a concern, this bill encourages voters to plan ahead. With voter education, we can ensure that everyone has the opportunity to make their voice heard within the established timeframe, creating a more predictable and secure election process.

The 5th Circuit's recent ruling reinforces the principle that Election Day is a singular event, not an extended period. SB4 aligns with this by ensuring all ballots are submitted by Election Day, promoting a consistent and orderly process.

In conclusion, SB4 is a common-sense reform to enhance the integrity of our elections, ensuring timely and accurate results. I urge you to support this bill to help maintain public confidence in our electoral system.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

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