

ATTN: Sen. Michael Welton
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SB 394
OPPONENT
Written-only testimony
From Alice J. Capson, a private citizen

I am very concerned about the attempts with SB 394 to make advanced voting more difficult. We should be trying to expand opportunities for people to vote, not setting up roadblocks. Some voters may not be able to get to the polls in person due to health, caretaking responsibilities or work responsibilities. I have friends in ALL those categories, and have been in some of them myself at different times. Voters should be able to vote by mail, but sometimes the mail is a little slow so that the current allowance for a few extra days is appropriate. Some years ago I had my advance ballot ready, and then my mother had an unexpected surgery, and I had to leave the state to take care of my dad while she was hospitalized. I was able to mail in my ballot, assured that it would be counted.

I am a BSA (formerly Boy Scouts) merit badge counselor teaching citizenship badges. The scouting booklet tells them that the most important part of the running of the government is the VOTERS. The elected officials are responsible to the VOTERS. Therefore, voting should be made convenient for those voters.

Please do not let this SB 394 advance in the legislature.

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