

## HB2603 Opponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Proctor and members of the committee,

I love the idea behind this bill, because I have wondered what, if anything, happened with the incidents I personally reported as a poll watcher. I also know of a voter who had two family members who encountered issues while voting. Neither one of us have heard a peep about our reports. Unfortunately, I have too many questions about this bill to be able to support it.

Most of the people I know who are interested in election integrity are also precinct people. According to section 4(d) any elected official may not participate. This bill lists disqualifications, but no qualifications for the appointed citizens. Do we want people on the committee who have no idea how the election process works?

I also believe the process for complaint submission should be clarified by the legislation.

This bill does nothing to require the promotion of the committee or the complaint process. At the very least, information should be easily accessible on both the SOS and AG websites as well as posted at all election offices and polling locations. Election offices should also promote the committee on any information they mail to voters. The committee will be worthless if no one knows it exists.

Who compels the County Attorney or another official to investigate or act upon the committee's recommendations? The legislature currently has a post audit committee, but from what I have seen, there is no penalty for choosing to ignore recommendations.

I am curious as to why the 2029 expiration deadline?

Considering who does the appointing, I am concerned this isn't truly a citizens committee.

I have other concerns, but the deadline is fast approaching so I will stop. I hope some of my concerns will be addressed as I think this has the potential to be a good thing, but I am unable to support it as is.

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