

February 16th, 2023

SB209 Proponent Written Only Testimony

Chairman Thompson and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to request your support of SB209. We have become a society of convenience. In the minds of many, the easier something is to accomplish the better. However easy isn't always the best way. Election Day is no longer a single day event, but continues for weeks. Advance ballots are mailed out as early as 20 days prior to the election. Early voting for the August 1, 2023 primary in Sedgwick County is tentatively scheduled to begin July 17th. Current law allows the election process to continue for 3 additional days so that advance ballots may be received after the polls close if post marked or mailed on or before the close of the polls on election day. Polling locations have ballot boxes at which voters may deliver their ballots. Unfortunately, we also have drop boxes throughout the county to accept ballots and even more US mailboxes for delivery of ballots. Even if a voter receives their ballot a day or two before election day, there are multiple options for delivery of their ballot prior to the close of polls at 7 pm on election day. There is absolutely no reason a voter should need an additional 3 days after election day for their ballot to be received.

Election Day is long enough and I encourage the Committee vote to pass SB209 out of committee for We The People.

Regards,

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