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HB 1138

Good morning, Chair Roers and Committee. I'm here to introduce HB 1138 for your consideration.

This bill aims to align the timeline for elections following a governing body's decision with the timelines of other types of elections. Currently, the 20-day period for scheduling these elections can sometimes feel like rushing the question, limiting adequate time for consideration and preparation. These bills bring the 20 days to the 64 days, which is what we have in code for other types of elections.

Additionally, Item 4 of the bill updates our election code to bring this process in line with how canvassing is handled for other elections, ensuring consistency and clarity across the board.

In essence, HB 1138 provides a more reasonable and streamlined approach to election scheduling, allowing for a more thoughtful and thorough process.

I have worked with the Secretary of State's office and his staff to bring this bill forward.

I stand for any question.

Thank you.

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