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Chairman Schauer and GVA committee,

My name is Steve Vetter representing district 18

This bill deals the elections with the House of Representatives. This bill allows the people of a district to directing elect each one of their Representatives. This is not a sub district. Nothing changes with the district. There is only one change. Instead of voting for two in a jumbo election, each of the two Representatives run for one of the two slots.

Example: I declare my that I want to run for position A or B with both having the exact same constituency and borders. The next candidate can choose to run ain't me for position A or run for position B.

What is the common saying. "If you don't like someone , vote them out." That is not true in the ND House of Representatives as you need to vote out two people make sure vote someone out of office.

In competitive districts, the current system causes "running mates" to be "frienemies" friend and competitor. One person one vote. In the current system, casting only one vote for one candidate helps your favorite candidate the most as this gives them a one vote advantage of all three competitors in a 4 person race. A person should be able to vote for both Representatives even if they like one more than the other. Each office should get its own vote.

The current system forces Representatives from the same district to be tied to each other. The decisions or actions of one affects the other. Examples:

A person should on their own merit and not in conjunction with another Representative.

Sometimes change is hard but this change if for the better. It allows each Representative to be responsible for their own actions and it allows the people to have more freedom and choice in who they elect for office. The House of Representatives is often called the people's house this bill echoes that sentiment and truly allows the ND House of Representatives to be chosen by the people.

Please consider this bill and give it a Do Pass recommendation. I will stand for questions.