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TESTIMONY PRESENTED BY

BRIAN NEWBY, SECRETARY OF STATE

Chairman Roers and members of the committee, I am Brian Newby, Elections Director for the Office of Secretary of State, and I'm here in support of House Bill 1192. This bill corrects a few items that were missed in a clean-up effort in this part of statute in the 2021 Session (HB 1253).

There are three specific areas this bill seeks to address:

- 1) It seeks to remove the word "electronic" in reference to voting systems. A voting system appropriately references the entire system used in conducting elections, which can include both electronic devices – such as pollbooks, Express Vote machine, or ballot scanner – as well as non-electronic devices – such as paper ballots. This bill removes the word "electronic" when it precedes "voting system" in this statute.
- 2) Two references to dates were missed in NDCC 12.1-15-22 and 16.1-15-25. The time frame for certified abstracts of votes must be to the Secretary of State's office prior to "thirteenth" day after the primary and general election. The statute currently references the "eighth" day and this seeks to correct that.
- 3) It also changes the date that the presidential electors meet to be consistent with the new federal law.

This concludes my testimony and I'm happy to stand for any questions you may have.