

Dear House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee,

I am writing to express opposition to HB 1297. I am a citizen of North Dakota. I am opposed to this bill for several reasons:

- This bill undermines the rights of citizens to determine the best system of picking our representatives. This bill undermines local control for cities and counties.
- Each city and county is unique and should have the right to pick the form of voting that works best for their location.
- Cities and counties having the ability to choose a form of voting other than simple majority for local elections has no impact on state government so therefor should not be an area that they legislate.

It is for these reasons that I oppose this bill.

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