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TO ND Legislature
RE HB 1297 OPPOSE
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I hereby submit written testimony in opposition to HB1297. I support home rule and believe that governmental policies should be determined at the most local level---not at the state level unless truly a state issue.

At present the citizens of Fargo have chosen ranked choice, approval voting. If voters in Fargo decide they don't like it, they can vote to change it, and if another community decides by majority vote that this system is best for them, then that means it IS best for them. This is not for the state to decide for local citizens.

Please stop government overreach and instead serve the constituents by working on taxes, job creation, infrastructure, stewardship of our resources, etc. The legislature should not be involved in trying to restrict individuals' or local communities' choices in voting.

Thank you.