



House Government and Veterans Affairs
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Marisa Haman, Ward County Auditor/Treasurer

Good afternoon Chairman Schauer, and members of the Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. My name is Marisa Haman and I currently serve as the Auditor/Treasurer for Ward County.

I stand in opposition of HB1587, specifically Section 3, number 5.

The days after a primary election include many tasks including but not limited to posting voter credit, assigning write in votes and preparing for canvassing. To add the monumental task of hand counting all of the ballots to these duties in a county the size of Ward is unreasonable.

I also believe to post all ballot images online is an infringement on voter privacy and that ballots and/or ballot images should only be available in the case of a recount or court order. Absentee voters often mistakenly initial their ballots in the Judge's initial section, which could inadvertently identify their ballot.

I have great respect for election process integrity and am confident that the current logic and accuracy testing validates that results are tabulated accurately. I urge a DO NOT PASS on HB1587.