

House Bill 1431

Testimony in Favor

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

My name is Andrew Bornemann, I am a farmer and small business owner from Kintyre, ND. I stand in favor of HB 1431 as submitted, thank you for this opportunity to share my thoughts with this committee. For reference, I served as chair of the District 28 Republican party for 5 years prior to the most recent redistricting, and am currently active in District 8 and the ND State Republican party as well. I am however testifying on behalf of myself and not in any official capacity today.

House Bill 1431 would provide some much needed updates to the ND Century Code regarding Political Party organization and processes, particularly around redistricting. Many of the changes included in this bill are simple clarifications and removal of outdated language, but there are a couple of specific things I would like to mention.

There was much confusion surrounding the process for a district party to reorganize following the last redistricting, and this bill would simplify the process significantly. First, it would require all districts to reorganize, thus removing confusion on which districts are required to reorganize. Second, it clarifies the process for who calls a meeting for a district with new territory, or one which no longer has a Chair due to the redrawn lines.

In addition, this bill would require district bylaws to not be in conflict with ND Century Code and the rules of the State Party, of which they are a subset. This simple change will help ensure that districts are in compliance with state law and State party rules.

I urge this committee to vote for a "Do Pass" recommendation on HB 1431, and would stand for any questions from this committee.