

House Bill 1431

Testimony in Opposition

Rep. Longmuir and members of the House Political Subdivisions Committee,

It would set an exceptionally bad precedent for the North Dakota State Legislature to make changes to the North Dakota Century Code regarding the organizational activities of a political party to make sure that Century Code was following NDGOP state party rules and not the other way around. The NDGOP's current party rules conflict with North Dakota Century Code and they, not the state legislature, should work to be in compliance.

Using the state government to ensure local districts are complying and can be centrally governed by a state party is not something the state of North Dakota should be doing, nor is it "conservative", something the NDGOP claims to be. Centralized control over local districts should be prevented at all costs as it limits those individuals' ability to organize as they see fit, a founding principle of our Republic.

I urge you to give this a "do not pass" out of committee.

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