

Testimony on Senate bill 2178

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Chairman Roers and members of the committee

For the record my name is Chuck Walen Senator for District 4

I am here to sponsor and introduce Senate bill 2178

Senate bill 2178 proposes to have separate ballots by political party for the primary elections. A Voter must request the political party primary ballot of their choice from the election officials. The official would mark on the record which party they gave to the voter.

One side of the ballot would be the political party the individual requested and the reverse side may include non-partisan races, ballot issues and other measures.

The purpose of this change in Primary ballots is to help prevent spoiled ballots of cross party voting in a primary election.

2nd it will allow those who are allowed by current law to request the primary voters record to see which party ballot has been requested. This will help political parties and candidates to identify potential members of their party and help target those individuals who they may contact for advertising, recruitment and other needs. This bill does not and is not intended to create any type of party voter registration.

I do request I do pass on Senate bill 2178

Chairman Roers and members of the committee this concludes my testimony.
I stand for any questions you may have

