

2009 HOUSE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1343

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill No. HB 1343

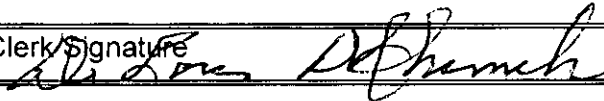
House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: January 29, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 8151, 8145

Committee Clerk Signature



Minutes:

Chairman Wrangham opened the hearing on HB 1343.

Rep. Kretschmar: Two of the counties in our district use the mail in ballot. Basically it worked very well. One of the criticisms was that commissioners only set up one polling place on election day. It is required by statute by Section 16.1-11.1-01 that HB 1343 would just mean a little more emphasis on the ability of the county commissioners to set up more than one polling place in the county. I do not want any mandates on the county commissioners to do that. It should still be their decision. This bill is almost housekeeping. This makes it a little more explicit that the county can have more than one precinct on election day.

Rep. Nancy Johnson: Doesn't it allow for more than one polling place now?

Rep. Kretschmar: I believe the current law allows them to have more than one; but I just wanted to make it clearer that they can do that if they want to.

Rep. Klemin: there are two other bills on the same subject in judiciary.

Opposition: None

Neutral: None

Job #8145.

Chairman Wrangham reopened the hearing on HB 1343.

Rep. Jerry Kelsh: The legislation suggested that they can do something. Maybe they thought if they don't have more than one polling place they could have more. I know that some of the other bills are not that way.

Chairman Wrangham: I understand if similar bills pass the Legislative Counsel will combine them.

Do Pass Motion made by Rep. Kelsh, Seconded by Rep. Kilichowski

Vote: 12 Yes 0 No 1 Absent Carrier: Rep. Kretschmar

Hearing closed.

Roll Call Vote #: 1

Date: 1-29-09

2009 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB1343

House Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass Do Not Pass Amended

Motion Made By Rep Kretschmar Seconded By Rep Kilowinski

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Dwight Wrangham, Chairman	✓		Senator Kari Conrad	✓	
Rep. Craig Headland, Vice Chairman	✓		Senator Jerry Kelsh	✓	
Rep. Patrick Hatlestad	✓		Senator Robert Kilichowski	✓	
Rep. Nancy Johnson	✓		Senator Corey Mock	✓	
Rep. Lawrence Klemin	✓		Senator Steve Zaiser	✓	
Rep. Kim Koppelman	✓				
Rep. William Kretschmar	✓				
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep Kretschmar

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1343: Political Subdivisions Committee (Rep. Wrangham, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1343 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2009 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. 1343

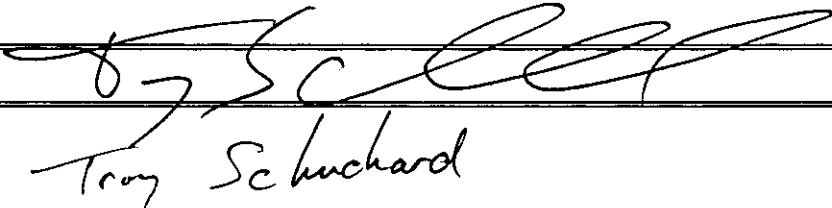
Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Hearing Date: February 26, 2009

Recorder Job Number: 9781

Committee Clerk Signature



Troy Schuchard

Minutes:

Senator Andrist: Opened the hearing on HB 1343, all members present.

Bill Kretschmar: Representative District 28, introduce HB 1343. I put this bill in because some people thought there should have been another polling place. In our county, Ashley and

Wishek are the two major towns. There was a polling place in Ashley at the courthouse, but none in Wishek. Under current law, the county commission has the authority to set up more than one polling place if they so wish. This bill is introduced to clarify; it won't change the law in any way. We want the authority to remain with the county commission. The intent is not to force them to have more than one, if they don't want. This is clearly housekeeping!

Senator Andrist: As we read this, the bill does nothing, just change the language?

Bill Kretschmar: That is correct.

Alvin A. Jaeger: Secretary of State testified in support of HB 1343. Representative Kretschmar is correct and he just wants to make it *crystal clear* that the county commissioners have the choice to have more than one polling place.

Danette Odenbach: Testified in support of HB 1343. (See attachment #1)

Senator Judy Lee: I make the motion for a Do Pass on HB 1343

Senator Dotzenrod: Second

Senator Andrist: Motion for a Do Pass, 6-0. Senator Bakke will carry.

Date:
Roll Call Vote #:

2009 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO.

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do pass Do not pass Amend

Motion Made By J. Lee Seconded By Dotzenrod

Senators	Yes	No	Senators	Yes	No
Chairman John M. Andrist	X		Senator Arden C. Anderson	X	
Vice Chairman Curtis Olafson	X		Senator JoNell A. Bakke	X	
Senator Judy Lee	X		Senator Jim Dotzenrod	X	

Total (Yes) 6 No 0

Absent _____

Floor Assignment Bakke

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 26, 2009 2:53 p.m.

Module No: SR-34-3677
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1343: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Andrist, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1343 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2009 TESTIMONY

HB 1343

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**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS COMMITTEE**

Prepared February 26, 2009 by
Danette Odenbach
North Dakota Association of Counties

REGARDING HOUSE BILL 1343

Chairman Andrist and members of the Senate Political Subdivisions Committee:

The North Dakota Association of Counties (NDACo) submits this testimony on House Bill 1343.

The counties support the changes proposed in HB 1343 as the new wording may help ensure those reading NDCC 16.1-11.1-01 understand counties have the option of operating more than one poll site when conducting a mail ballot election.

The counties appreciate your consideration and urge a Do Pass on House Bill 1343.