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2003 HOUSE JUDICIARY

HB 1203

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1203

House Judiciary Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 1-29-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	x		47-53
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Al Penix</i>			

Minutes: 12 members present, 1 member absent (Rep. Onstad)

Chairman DeKrey: We will open the hearing on HB 1203.

Rep. Ole Aarsvold: Introduced the bill (see attached testimony)

Rep. Kretschmar: Was it your intent to include the election clerks in this bill, because the clerks aren't part of the Board.

Rep. Aarsvold: Yes.

Rep. Klemin: If I understand your testimony, you are saying that an employer must allow an employee time off to serve in this capacity.

Rep. Aarsvold: I believe that's the way the language reads for jury selection and the LC patterned it after the jury selection process.

Rep. Klemin: How does this affect the person's wages and benefits and things like that; is it with pay or without pay.

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House Judiciary Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1203

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Rep. Aarvold: We patterned this bill after the jury selection process. I am sure someone from LC could answer that question for you.

Chairman DeKrey: Thank you. Anyone else to testify besides Mr. Fong to testify on this bill today. We will catch up with you later when we do committee work. We will close the hearing.

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2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1203

House Judiciary Committee

☐ Conference Committee

Hearing Date 2-3-03

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2		x	11.7-15.5
Committee Clerk Signature <i>W. P. ...</i>			

Minutes: 12 members present, 1 member absent (Rep. Bernstein)

Chairman DeKrey: What are the committee's wishes in regard to HB 1203.

Rep. Kingsbury: Move a Do Not Pass on HB 1203.

Rep. Kretschmar: Seconded.

9 YES 3 NO 1 ABSENT

DO NOT PASS

CARRIER: Rep. Kretschmar

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Date: 2/3/03
Roll Call Vote #: 1

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. 1203

House Judiciary Committee

☐ Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Not Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Kingsbury Seconded By Rep. Kretschmar

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Chairman DeKrey	✓		Rep. Delmore		✓
Vice Chairman Maragos		✓	Rep. Eckre	✓	
Rep. Bernstein	AB		Rep. Onstad		✓
Rep. Boehning	✓				
Rep. Galvin	✓				
Rep. Grande	✓				
Rep. Kingsbury	✓				
Rep. Klemin	✓				
Rep. Kretschmar	✓				
Rep. Wrangham	✓				

Total (Yes) 9 No 3

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Kretschmar

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

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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 4, 2003 12:29 p.m.

Module No: HR-21-1601
Carrier: Kretschmar
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1203: Judiciary Committee (Rep. DeKrey, Chairman) recommends DO NOT PASS (9 YEAS, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1203 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

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2003 TESTIMONY

HB 1203

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To: House Judiciary Committee
Representative Duane DeKrey, Chairman

From: Representative Ole Aarsvold, District 20

Re: HB 1203

HB 1203 is the result of several discussions I have had with chairmen of district political party organizations and county auditors. They shared a common frustration - finding citizens who would sit on election boards.

Auditors are required to inform district party chairmen of their responsibility to provide the name of a resident of each precinct who will serve as an Election Judge. Typically, that Judge would select another citizen to serve as a Clerk. In some districts, the district chairs suggest the names of Clerks as well. This is usually determined by tradition in each district.

HB 1203 would eliminate one hurdle often cited by citizens who are selected to serve on election boards. Patterned after jury selection, HB 1203 would not allow an employer to prevent an employee from serving on an election board. As in the case of jury selection, there are both civil and criminal consequences to an employer who interferes with an employee's appointment to an election board.

A citizen's right to serve on an election board is certainly as sacred as serving on a jury. If we expect citizens to participate in the democratic process, we must remove obstacles to that participation. HB 1203 does that.

I encourage the committee's favorable consideration.

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