

Testimony Prepared for the
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RE: Opposition to HB 1312

Chair Kasper and committee members, I'm Donnell Preskey with the North Dakota Association of Counties. One of my roles at NDACo, is serving as the executive director for the county auditors association. We stand in opposition to HB 1312.

This bill reverses what we as a state has made great strides in accomplishing and that is to provide a means for every qualified elector to vote on election day.

This bill will absolutely restrict our citizens access to the election process and disenfranchise voters.

It dramatically limits the ability for counties to provide vote by mail elections; where applications are sent to all eligible voters and at least one polling location is open on election day.

It also eliminates early voting, which ten of our counties provided to voters in their county in 2020.

As you can see by the chart included in this testimony. There is a significant amount of citizens who prefer to vote prior to election day.

I urge this committee to give HB 1312 a Do Not Pass recommendation.

Election	Total Ballots	Ballots Cast Prior to Election Day (%)
2020 General	364,251	273,105 (75%)
2020 Primary	160,114	160,114 (100%)
2018 General	330,598	157,231 (48%)
2018 Primary	115,226	115,226 (40%)
2016 General	349,945	134,803 (38%)
2016 Primary	139,957	49,829 (36%)