

Written testimony for House Bill 1189

Chairman Dockter and Political Subdivisions Committee Members

My name is Kevin Herrmann from Beulah, ND. I am a lifelong citizen of North Dakota. I am representing myself.

I am oppose to House Bill 1189. Section 1 and 3 of House Bill 1189 is a problem with making the inspector of elections and the judges to immediately deliver a canvass report to county auditor within ninety minutes after official closing time of the polling place. If Representative Louser and the co-sponsors of House Bill 1189 would have actually did there civic duty of working an election before getting elected as a legislator, then they would realize the process of total ballots of the electronic voting machine has to match with the election clerks total voters list which at very minor times has not happen.

I work as an election judge in the past for Mercer County. I did experience where the total ballots from electronic ballot machine did not match one of the two clerks voters list. We had to put every ballot through the electronic machine one by one which the outcome of total ballots was the same as before. It took about 5 hours for one of the clerks to find that she did not check mark the voter who actually voted, this was with mail in ballots. Supermajority of voters in Mercer County do mail in ballots.

If this bill passes as it, then what will happen to the election workers if there is problem and cannot give the election report to the county auditor within ninety minutes after poll close.

Every election worker works hard to make sure there is no mistakes but Representative Louser and co-sponsors of House Bill 1189 think otherwise.

Please give House Bill 1189 a DO NOT PASS recommendation.

I wish this bill committee hearing would have been on my day off.

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