

Political Subdivisions Committee Members,

My name is Rae Portra and I am writing today mostly in opposition to HB1405, but I do support a couple of items included in this bill.

I can see there were good intentions behind this bill, but as long as any piece of election equipment has the capability of connectivity, our elections are vulnerable to being hacked. A paper record that can be verified should always be kept. I have huge concern with electronic equipment being used in our elections and an unwillingness to do a full audit to ensure they are working properly. I have included links below that go through equipment used in North Dakota elections and the risks of electronic devices in general.

The issue I have with Section 2 is the wording "A qualified elector may vote at only one precinct-based polling place or vote center within a county." 'Within a county' doesn't need to be included, 'A qualified elector may only vote at one precinct-based polling place or voting center.'

I do, however, like that it would change the number of precincts that can be included in a voting center and the process for late mail-in ballots. I've been upset that our town hasn't had in-person voting in 5 years, and as a new district, we were the only district in Williams County to be deprived of a polling location on Election Day. As long as we keep using devices in our elections we cannot be guaranteed our elections are free and fair. Please vote no on the Amendments that support the use of electronic devices and yes on the amendments that support accountability and more Election Day polling locations. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Rae Portra

<https://rumble.com/v21iqzw-kill-chain-the-cyber-war-on-americas-elections.html>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eYd0vHktAzmQK5VvmwVs7RaJrs9ZbJjBX327znIvJ90/edit?usp=drivesdk>

<https://rumble.com/v24zxpg-hacking-americas-election-system.html>

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1IMnXZ2octQDHChoAWrNG3sT7XqsYjMxNLf1M4dXKcE0/edit?usp=drivesdk>

<https://rumble.com/v1iu7wk-electronic-voting-system-issues.html>

<https://rumble.com/vwfhv1-sc-safe-election-es-and-s-system-analysis-and-canvass-results.html>

<https://rumble.com/vf9sdx-jovan-hutton-pulitzer-testifies-during-georgia-senate-hearing-on-electi-on-i.html>

