

RE: HB2504

Proponent

Chairman Proctor and the House Election Committee:

I am submitting testimony in support of HB2504. I strongly oppose the use of ballot images during any and all election audits and/or recounts. It has been shown that digital images can be manipulated. Actual paper ballots are THE only way to perform post-election audits.

While I support this bill to strengthen the wording on this issue, the Secretary of State still has the authority to adopt rules and regulations to perform election duties. KAR 7-47-1(d) allows the Secretary of State to use ballot images for the manual audit if imaging technology exists during the tabulation process on election night. The Secretary of State was able to go around statute and use ballot images in the past when the public was opposed to it. The legislature needs to remove the power of the Secretary of State to subvert statute in order to make this bill work.

Thank you.

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