

February 16, 2021

Re: House Bill No. 2339, Election Tampering; OPPOSING; WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TO: Honorable Chair Rep. Blake Carpenter, Honorable Vice Chair Rep. Emil Bergquist, Ranking Minority Member Rep. Vic Miller and members of the House Election Committee:

K.S.A. 25-2423 currently says:

(a) Election tampering is, while being charged with no election duty, making or changing any election record.

(b) Election tampering is a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

HB 2339 adds three definitions of Election Tampering to K.S.A. 25-2423. By listing three examples of Election Tampering, what is not listed? By describing three examples, isn't HB 2339 eliminating other possibilities of Election Tampering that should be included?

The current section K.S.A. 25-2423 leaves open any tampering to felony charges. H.B. 2339 would limit Election Tampering to the three examples listed. We feel that it is better to leave the statute as it is to cover all possible Election Tampering.

Please vote 'NO' on HB 2339.

Respectfully,

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