Opponent Oral Testimony on House Bill 2053

House Committee on Elections

Davis Hammet – Loud Light Civic Action

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Chair Proctor, Members of the Committee,

Sec.1(b) Definition – Technical Concern

The section 1(b) definition of "remote ballot box" appears to include ballot boxes used for advance ballots brought into poll sites. I assume this is an oversight and recommend the section be modified to prevent any legal uncertainty around the ability to return a ballot to a county polling site on election day.

Unknown Impact

This broad rules and regulations authorization appears to allow the current or any future Secretary of State to impose any restriction including an outright ban on ballot drop boxes.

Thank you. I'm happy to stand for any questions when appropriate.