

Testimony in support of SB1564

Senate Committee on Rules

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I strongly support SB1564-1 as written, with one exception.

There are several purposes to this bill. The primary one is to standardize the handling of the duplication and enhancement process across the state. This bill is modeled after the process used in Washington County, which has allowed this ballot handling task to be well observed, and has kept the process itself above reproach.

Additionally, the bill as introduced asks that the county clerk only keep five percent of the total mailed ballots available for the duplication/replacement process. This has been removed in Amendment 1. I would like to see that requirement placed back in – or at least see some provision for a county clerk providing the number that would be appropriate for their county.

Respectfully submitted,

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