

Opposed to HB 4145 ...eliminate it! ~

"ei incumbit probatio qui dicit, non qui negat" ~ Latin, meaning "the burden of the proof lies upon him who affirms not he who denies", is the principle that a person is considered innocent unless proven guilty. That notion is remarkably widespread in every legal system that I know of except the most primitive. We can know exactly when the maxim formally entered American law: through a Supreme Court decision of 1894, Coffin vs. U.S. and it only takes a little common sense to realize that it should apply to 'accusations made in civil matters as well as accusations made in criminal matters'. The passing of HB 4145 would not allow this principle "that a person is considered innocent unless proven guilty" to be exercised.

The passing of HB 4145 would allow harassment, embarrassment and punishment of "innocent responsible people" by malicious people who merely want to persecute and do harm to others by making false accusation to deny innocent citizens of their rights. Nowhere in the bill do I see a single word of protection for the falsely accused. Under the provisions of 4145 the accused but innocent nonthreatening citizens can have their right stripped if they respond to false accusation or if they do not respond.

HB 4145 is not about protection of anyone and is communistic in form! HB 4145 is WRONG! I urge not only the defeat of the Bill but the elimination of it!

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