



HB 3310 – STRONGLY OPPOSE

Chair Paul Holvey and members of the Committee

This bill requires forms used to nominate candidates to board of school district, education service district or community college district give candidate option of providing candidate's race and ethnicity and elections conducted so protected class has equal opportunity to elect candidates.

The motive for stating a candidate's race or ethnicity is a campaign ploy. Nothing prohibits a candidate from stating their race or ethnicity in their individual campaign. They don't need your permission.

Do you know how many counties actually post candidate applications on their website for public viewing? Maybe half. Even some of the larger counties only post a list of who has filed. So, this bill is nothing more than a show and will not make the race or ethnicity publically visible.

Any rules by the Secretary of State on how to make elections equitable to protected classes only results in an unfair process. To be fair, everyone needs to play under the same rules. Giving the protected class the right to court action when no one else has that right is unfair. Polarized voting is a perception and it will destroy our whole election system discouraging candidates to run. If this were an issue there wouldn't be so many unopposed positions for the current school board elections.

We can only be united when you stop playing favorites.

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