

This bill invades the relationship between an elected official and constituents. Elected officials are accountable only to their constituents who have the sole authority to retain them. An absence may be consistent with how the constituents want their elected official to represent them, and if so, this rule violates my right of representation by erecting punishments and undue burden for my representation. This bill is a clear and direct partisan effort to prevent the walkout of a minority to deny quorum. Walkouts are a last resort and the product of a non-inclusive supermajority that has failed to consider and engage minority elected officials. A supermajority of one party could one day be a supermajority of another so this bill has the potential for future damage against those who presently seek its passage. It goes both ways and it is not equitable for anybody.