

Legislatures, I stand opposed to this bill as it does not define non-excused absences as only those that are done for personal reasons not political reasons. Sometimes the only way to have your voice heard is in protest. We have seen this throughout the country this year. A legislator may be called on by their constituents to absent themselves in order that their constituents voice be heard. In this situation, the legislator is in fact doing their job and they deserve compensation accordingly. The fact that this even happens is evidence of jobs being done poorly, but that is at the discretion of the voters at the next election to "fire" or "rehire" the legislator.

Respectfully, I request you support us in opposition of this bill.