

At a time when a large percentage of the voting public are already questioning the integrity of the voting process, HB 2681 works in complete reverse of restoring trust. Many voters are concerned about having their votes being disenfranchised by non-residents voting, possible fraudulent votes or general chaos in the system.

One of the remedies to distrust in the system is the ability to have the system be audited and cleaned up from time to time for the sake of transparency and accuracy. If people believe the voter rolls are accurate, and that vote tallies are accurate, they have faith in the system and accept the outcomes.

This makes the timing of this bill highly questionable to say the least. At a time when people are asking for more accountability and more accuracy and transparency, this bill seems to fly in the face of those desires. On the contrary, this bill seems designed to create more of a fog around the election system by making sure that tens of thousands of names remain on voter rolls for people who no longer live in the state or worse, are not real people at all.

Please consider the whole of the voting public, rather than the interests of just a few loud special interest groups. It doesn't benefit any political party for people to lose faith in the democratic process. The passage of bills like HB 2681 will work to erode faith in the democratic process to the detriment of the society as a whole.

Thanks,
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