

Submitter: Diane Thompson

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

If a bill is permitted for a November ballot, that is when voters should be permitted to vote! Disregarding the information relayed to voters who signed the petitions in support of the bill casts a troublesome light on both the state and the volunteers who devoted time and energy explaining the petition and when the issue would be on the ballot for the voice of the voters to be heard. Moving the date to an earlier spring vote sends the message that there is concern about having the issue on the same ballot where voters indicate their choice for elected officials. Stop playing games. Be upfront and truthful in both actions and words.