

Data Classification in the Statewide Voter Registration System

Testimony

- Voter privacy is vital for voters in each state, and particularly in Minnesota where we have an exceptional culture around civic participation.
- The courts have already ruled on which data in the Statewide Voter Registration System is deemed private, and we must remain committed to that ruling.
- The changes to voter data privacy proposed in S.F.3665 would hinder our state's longstanding commitment of maximizing the franchising of voting.
- The changes to voter data privacy proposed in S.F.3665 would undermine Minnesota voter's confidence in our system and add risks to some voter's safety.
 - There are documented cases of voter data being weaponized in other states
 - Voters with challenges could become targets of voter intimidation as individuals use the data to become poll watchers
 - First time voters may be discouraged from registering if they know their data is subject to public scrutiny
 - There is no provision for penalty for misuse of data
- It's important to note, voters who are challenged are not prohibited from voting. It is merely a flag requiring voters to provide proof they are eligible. S.F.3665 may discourage voters if a challenge will release their private data to the public.

The League of Women Minnesota urges members to vote no on S.F.3665.

