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## SF651 – VOTE NO

### SF651's impact on local election administrators is restrictive in assessing and responding to local voter needs.

Common Cause MN is a nonpartisan organization. We believe that Minnesotans are better off when people from all walks of life participate in self-governance. With close to 18,000 multipartisan members, supporters, and allies statewide, **we put our partisan differences aside to do one thing**; work toward solutions that reduce the influence of money in politics, hold public officials accountable, create a more representative government, and ensure that our elections are secure while counting every eligible vote so our elections reflect the will of the people.

SF651 impacts the ability of local election officials to respond to local voter's needs in casting their ballots. Our local election officials should have the discretion to responsibly address and respond to needed flexibility and the growing trend in Minnesota showing voters are using absentee balloting more and more. This particularly impacts larger regions that benefit from increased polling places and still meet the limitations of local elections administration budgets. The added flexibility works for voters and seem to be also working for local government elections officials.

**For these reasons, we respectfully request that you not vote in favor of SF651**

Respectfully Submitted,

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