

Dear Chair and Committee members,

I am asking you to vote NO on bills **SF03**.

The job of the legislature is to secure elections but the bill **SF03** gives provision to register 16 y.o. persons in Minnesota even though they are not eligible to vote until 18 y.o. It is hard to understand the logic the bill's author because this provision creates needless bureaucracy and expands MN government which is already a burden for taxpayers.

**Sec. 8 [201.161] Sub.1 Automatic Registration** requires provision of "proof of citizenship during a previous agency transaction" for automatic registration to vote. In my opinion this is not enough to secure elections. The proof of citizenship has to be provided at the time of registration not at the previous agency transaction. Information of proof of citizenship might fall through the cracks of bureaucracy and create a loop hole for undocumented immigrants to vote.

According to the article *Driver's License for Illegals, Automatic Voter Registration on Collision Course written by American Experiment (link below)*

*"Two bills [HF03(companion bill SF03) and HF04] made fast progress this week in the Minnesota House and appear to be on a collision course if they both become law. The first grants driver's licenses to illegal immigrants and the second automatically adds everyone who has a driver's license to the voter rolls. No one seemed to be able to assure Minnesotans that people ineligible to vote won't use their new driver's licenses to register and cast a ballot in our elections.*

*The driver's license bill specifically prohibits the Department of Public Safety from sharing this information with any other agency, including the Secretary of State, preventing the cross-checking of new licensees with the voter database. House Democrats are relying completely on the honor system to prevent a non-citizen from cancelling out your vote."*

<https://www.americanexperiment.org/licensed-to-drive-licensed-to-vote/>

I am asking senators to commit investigation in above claim prior passing this bill. Legislature cannot afford to jeopardize our Minnesota elections.

Bill **SF03 [204B.295] Sec.1Sub.3b** may also unnecessarily limit and restrict the number of judges by requiring one judge to be certified by the American Translators Association to translate. That judge will not be able to help language challenged people anyway because it is prohibited to campaign or solicit at the polling place.

Overall, the above-mentioned bill is a disaster for the people of Minnesota. Our election process is constitutionally protected for the people of Minnesota. Bill SF03 is unconstitutional because it undermines the right of Minnesotans to protect their votes and have secure elections.

Sincerely,

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