

To the Chair and Committee,
My Name is Sara Bertschinger
and I am writing in Opposition to HF/SF 3

This is a massive Voting overhaul bill with multiple concerns. I will touch on just a few.

1.- Currently, a person can opt into registering to vote when obtaining a driver's license. This makes sense since many non-citizens also obtain DLs. By having to opt out rather than opt in this increases the chance and likelihood of foreign interference in our elections. **This "op out" method is ripe for errors.**

2- a lot can happen in 2 years. So why this push to register 16 year-olds to vote? **Again, this option will increase the prevalence of error.**

3- DEEPLY CONCERNED over the Mail-out Balloting! Currently a person can opt into an automatic absentee ballot request form. This bill would change that "request" to a "ballot". Even with the best intentions, voting rolls and lists can and will have mistakes. **A ballot is a voice and needs to be treated with utmost care.** We wouldn't send a thousand dollars in cash to a person at an address we have not contacted in 2 or more years?! Is not a ballot and a voice even more precious!? Before becoming a resident of MN I requested an absentee ballot from CA. A ballot was sent not just to my dorm room but also my 2 previous addresses as well. Errors occur.

4- through the "opt-out" method and the automatic mail out; this will cause much wasted time and recourses.

The Ability to vote is a Precious Right, Privilege, and Duty! The Voices of Minnesota deserve to be protected and secured from being watered down by illegible or fraudulent votes. This bill does not secure the vote; rather it opens our system to potential waste, fraud, and abuse. Voting is too precious to devalue. We invest our time and energy in acts we value. The simple act of "opting in" or requesting an absentee ballot is not too much to ask to keep the sanctity of the vote.

Thank you for your time,
Sara B.