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I Support the Bill on it's Concept. The Bill Sponsor Keeps on Screaming and Demanding that this Activity is Taking Place, But Never Ever Offers-Up Proof that this is actually Happening. I Have Asked and Requested This Information From the Bill Sponsor and I Never Get a Response. Where are the True Facts and Information? The Bill Sponsor Exaggerates and Embellishes Untrue Facts! If there are Problems in the Boone County Clerk's Office and Election Authority, than Ms. Toalson Should Have the Guts and File To Run for the Office of Elected County Clerk.



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In regards to HB1678, the motivation for this bill is in response to the entirely false narrative there was widespread voter fraud in the Nov., 2020 election for president. This is commonly known as the "The Big Lie", repeated constantly among a variety of leaders and media in the conservative ecosphere, to the point where it has become a living myth. A myth not grounded in the reality of what has happened. There are tens of millions who believe "The Big Lie", and are sincere in their feelings about what has happened. However, they have been the victims of those who have been willing to engage in deceit, distortion of information, and propaganda for their own personal gain. To my knowledge, there has been no report of voter fraud in Missouri, and it would have been broadcast to the entire nation if there was any level of it. Given the tenor of our times. HB1678 seeks to address a problem which doesn't exist. This bill gives the Secretary of State the authority to conduct discretionary audits of any election authority, leaving the door open for partisan voter purges of jurisdictions seen as bastions of the political opposition. In our state, that would be Kansas City and St. Louis. The National Voter Registration Act already establishes rules and timeframes for list maintenance to help guard against voter purges, and when these guidelines are not followed, data show voters of color and those of low income are more likely to be removed from the voter rolls.



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I oppose this bill as written. I believe that if a voter is removed from a voting roster, that the voter should be notified. This should be included in this bill.



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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in opposition to H.B. 1678, which would expand the authority of the Secretary of State to conduct discretionary audits of any local election authority's voter rolls; order voters removed from the rolls; and withhold funds to local election authorities for noncompliance. This legislation would open the door to wrongful purges. The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is Missouri's statewide nonpartisan network of voter advocates who work to advance the right to vote in Missouri through policy advocacy, strategic litigation, voter education and coordination of the statewide nonpartisan Election Protection program. Through the collective experience of our 50+ partner organizations and nationally recognized expertise of our leaders and partners, over the last 15 years, we have provided this Committee with analysis and assessment of how legislation before the committee stands to impact access to the ballot for Missouri's voters. H.B. 1678 opens the door to wrongful and illegal purges by extending the Secretary's discretionary authority to audit voter rolls and order the removal of voters beyond the scope of federal mandates, threatening local election authorities with removal of funding for noncompliance. This reflects trends we're seeing in other states transferring or extending election administration authority into partisan hands. Federal law, the National Voter Registration Act, sets forth precise rules and timeframes for list maintenance to help guard against improper voter purges. When these are not followed, data shows that voters of color, ethnic minorities, low income voters and other low propensity voters are more likely to be removed from the rolls. When done correctly and in compliance with the NVRA, list maintenance can ensure the voter rolls are accurate and up-to-date. When done incorrectly - which is too often the case without stringent guidelines in place - purges disenfranchise legitimate voters (often when it is too close to an election to rectify the mistake), causing confusion and delay at the polls. This is why the process by which voter names are removed from the rolls must be carefully constructed. We have seen a sharp increase in wrongful and illegal voter purges around the country when faulty information is used to remove voters from the rolls. According to the Brennan Center, in 2016, the Arkansas secretary of state provided a list to the state's 75 county clerks suggesting that more than 7,700 names be removed from the rolls because of supposed felony convictions. That roster was highly inaccurate; it included people who had never been convicted of a felony, as well as persons with past convictions whose voting rights had been restored. Similarly in Virginia, nearly 39,000 voters were removed from the rolls when the state relied on a faulty database to delete voters who allegedly had moved out of the commonwealth. Error rates in some counties ran as high as 17 percent. Research by the Brennan Center found use of list matching programs like Crosscheck as a basis to trigger purges (which Missouri uses) especially problematic, leading to inaccurate removals. Even more, this legislation fails to meet minimum guidelines for voter purges set

forth in the NVRA, such as mandated time frames, triggers for list maintenance (simply not exercising one's right to vote is not a basis to remove voters from the rolls); and mandatory multiple notices to voters before they may be removed from the rolls. Any legislation that fails to meet these standards will violate the NVRA and be subject to legal challenge. Moreover, these are minimum guidelines. States can and should do more to protect against disenfranchisement caused by improper purges — for example, providing public and individual notice before purging names from the rolls. H.B. 1678 is a solution in search of a problem, likely violates the NVRA, and will open the door to wrongfully removing valid voters. Accordingly, we urge the committee to OPPOSE H.B. 1678. Sincerely, Denise Lieberman, General Counsel  
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**HB 1678 is not needed and would open the door to improper voter purges. Existing federal law already establishes precise rules to help guard against improper voter purges. This bill should not be allowed to advance.**



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Please vote NO on HB 1678 because it gives authority to purge remove voters from the rolls to the partisan Secretary of State. Authority to remove voters from the rolls rightfully belongs only to local election officials . HB 1678 is another dangerous attempt to take authority from local governance and concentrate it in state government.



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Thank you for allowing me to testify regarding HB 1678. I am a resident of Kansas City, living close to the State Line. I am opposed to HB 1678 for three reasons. 1) The exposure of local non-partisan election management to intrusive partisan politicians. The credibility of our electoral system requires non-partisan management. 2) The bill granting discretionary power in the hands of the Missouri Secretary of State 3) Concerning provisions whereby the Secretary of State can purge voter registrations and even defund local election authorities, disenfranchising the rights of citizens in entire jurisdictions. Non-partisan election management is critical for fair and honest elections. Unfortunately, this bill exposes local non-partisan and professional election management to unchecked partisan intrusion by granting powers to the Secretary of State to purge voter registrations and to defund local election jurisdictions. The scope of powers given to the Secretary of State is broad, granting the partisan official discretion to audit and the power to defund a local authority by "withholding funds from the local authority". In effect local control is under attack here. If applied, these powers give the Secretary of State the power to defund an entire voting jurisdiction, leading to the loss of the right to vote of any voter in that jurisdiction. Recent events in other states highlight the risk that this bill creates. Florida and Texas both had voter registration purges initiated by their respective Secretaries of State that sought to void legitimate voter registrations. Thousands of voters saw their registrations wrongfully voided under efforts taken by the Secretaries of State in those states in efforts that were found to have partisan motivation. In conclusion, while the authors of this legislation say they want election integrity, they instead seek to illegally take away the voting rights of citizens and inject partisan politics into election management





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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Jennifer Bernstein, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HB 1678 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. HB 1678 would authorize the Secretary of State to conduct discretionary audits of any election authority's list of registered voters; order voters removed from the rolls; and withhold funds to local election authorities. This is very concerning, especially since it would basically sanction improper voter purges and give all of the power to the Secretary of State to do so. Regardless of which party the Secretary of State belongs to, this would place barriers on people's right to vote. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HB 1678.



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I am opposed to this bill. There are already directives from the national and the state for removal of names from the registration lists. This bill simply provides a way for local election authorities to be harrassed by individuals or group of individuals who have a difference of opinion as to the validity of an election. Local election authorities are charged with the job of conducting elections and maintain voter registrations rolls. Let them do their job.



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The purging of voter lists should not be at the sole discretion of the Secretary of State. Local election boards should be the ones making these decisions. Again, the legislature is not funding a mandate and allowing the Secretary of State to unfund local election boards, leaving them with no resources to carry out the constitutional right of Missourian citizens.



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I oppose HB1678 because I think it opens a dangerous portal for a Secretary of State to exercise unilateral, unfettered power over local election rolls. As an experienced local election official recently told me, if all local election officials would follow current law regarding rolls, no additional legislation would be necessary. If the SOS's office wants to assure the integrity of rolls, they could monitor whether local election officials are following the law regarding this. In no way should a Secretary of State (of any party) be allowed this power.



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**This is an absolute waste of time and taxpayer money as voter fraud is nearly non-existent.**



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I do not believe providing the Secretary of State additional power will help make our elections more transparent or fair. This is providing the person who holds that office the ability to purge voters for no reason, which will cut both ways depending on who is in office at the time. We already have processes in place to ensure those who are registered to vote are citizens and live in the district they are claiming. Why are we trying to make this harder for our citizens and provide more power to the government? It seems counterintuitive to what we are trying to do, which is provide the power to the people, the principles this country was founded upon. I would appreciate our elected officials to think through the WHY of the bills they are presented with, what problem does this solve? Why are we trying to provide more power for specific positions and not distribute that power in order to have checks and balances? Please take into consideration the ramifications of this bill in the future, and how it will disenfranchise our citizens by putting them in danger of being purged because one person determines it to be so, and not the voting commission in place.



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