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**SB 938 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND MINOR CHANGES
TO ELECTIONS- RELATED STATUTES**

Good morning Representative Morin, Senator Slossberg and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, my name is Bill Jenkins. I have been the Republican Registrar of Voters in Chaplin since 2006.

This bill corrects many of the statutes that should have been revised when Public Act 07-194 was signed into law in 2007. Public Act 07-194 revised some of the election statutes to accommodate the new "tabulators" which replaced the lever voting machines. I've spent quite a bit of time over the past five days reviewing this bill and only have one concern:

Section 77 of SB 938 removes every statute in Part II of Chapter 147 (Paper Ballots) except 9-272 which reads as follows:

Sec. 9-272. Conditions under which use of voting tabulators may be discontinued. If, owing to the number of candidates to be voted upon or owing to inability to obtain a sufficient number of voting tabulators, it is found impracticable to use voting tabulators at any election to be held in any municipality, or in one or more of the voting districts therein, the registrars of voters may discontinue the use of such tabulators for such election in any of the voting districts therein, and shall thereupon cause ballots to be procured and used at such election, **as provided by this part**, in each of the voting districts wherein the use of voting tabulators has been so discontinued.

[Emphasis added]

Since SB 938 removes 9-270 – 9-306 (except 9-272) there is nothing left in "this part" (Part II) that gives registrars guidance, direction or requirements to "cause ballots to be procured."

Section 41 of SB 939 and Section 25 of HB 6331 both remove the language "as provided by this part" and appears to clarify 9-272 address my concern however in order for SB 938 to be complete, one of these sections must also pass or be incorporated into this bill.