



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
Public Hearing March 11, 2013

Testimony on Raised Bill No. 6578

An Act Concerning Timely Filing of Election Returns

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee and here to speak on HB 6578. ROVAC understands the issue that all required voting materials must be turned over to the Town Clerk no later than the next day. However, the responsibility should be with the Registrars of Voters and not the Head Moderator.

Head Moderators have a great responsibility of insuring the election results are given to the Secretary of the State's office as soon as all districts are compiled. This is usually late in the evening with State and Presidential elections.

The paperwork required by the Town Clerks is usually what Registrars of Voters make copies of in order to reconcile any discrepancies. This copying takes place after the Town Clerks have already gone home or is done first thing in the morning. Many Head Moderators work full time and the Registrars of Voters are grateful for their hard work and long hours. To expect them to take more time off from work is unrealistic. The Registrars of Voters are there the next day and it is more reasonable to have them ensure the paperwork is given to the Town Clerk.

The statutes involved should insert Registrars of Voters instead of Head Moderators.

Thank you for allowing this testimony.

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