



CCM 2014 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

HB 5059, "An Act Concerning Voter Turnout For Municipal Charter Revision"

CCM opposes HB-5059.

HB 5059 would invalidate the approval of a proposed charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance if less than 15% of registered voters turnout for a regular election.

CCM is unaware of a statewide problem that would necessitate HB 5059. This bill creates a problematic precedent by invalidating a vote that would have approved a proposed charter, charter revision or home rule ordinance at a regular election due to a lack of voter participation.

Should there be different standards for votes related to charter revisions than that of any other election?

CCM asks the committee to oppose HB 5059.



If you have any questions, please contact Randy Collins, Senior Legislative Associate for CCM, at rcollins@ccm-ct.org or (860) 707-6446.