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## My Comments for the Bill SB 1051

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Hi Maureen!

After you read your comments, you can add the following comments from your Republican partner who regrets that she could not be there.

I have been involved in in the Election process for 28 years as Registrar, after having been an Assistant Registrar then Deputy Registrar for several years prior to becoming Registrar, and I can tell you that I, and most of the Registrars I know are in agreement that we welcome Election Reform.

However, I have been in a position to see the pitfalls that are avoided and the value of having Registrars from two Major Partys in a check and balance system For instance, on an Election Day, they must agree together whether a voter is eligible to be reactivated or restored to the list. One person making that decision can lead to favoritism for personal or political reasons. The preparation of tabulators and testing of ballots, supervised Absentee Balloting, are just a few of the other duties that need the dual supervision.

While most Registrars are certified through the classes we attend twice yearly at the Spring and Fall conferences taught by the SOTS and ROVAC, we are open to any additional education to help us be even better prepared.

Other points to be considered are:

1, to assist with Election night tabulating, by simplifying the process of allocating the percentage of votes for minor parties when a candidate has dual endorsement.

2, Stronger voter ID and proof of citizenship laws which would do much to assure the accuracy and integrity of the voting process.

Hopefully, working together we will obtain some beneficial Election Reform.

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