

**H.J. No. 161 (COMM) RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ALLOW FOR EARLY VOTING AND NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING. (GAE)**

Testimony submitted 3/13/2019

**I oppose HJ 161.**

In the recent national election, there have been several instances where it was alleged that the absentee ballot process was being used to commit voter fraud. It is critical that the population have confidence in the fairness of our electoral process. I feel that loosening the requirements for the use of absentee ballots will undermine that confidence.

I have also heard of situations where the uneven application of early voting created a potentially unfair situation.

We should be taking every action possible to ensure that any vote cast is legitimate and we should not be introducing mechanisms that make this more difficult.

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