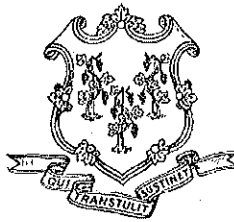


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Testimony of Senator Rob Sampson
Government Administration and Elections Committee
February 28, 2020

**Senate Bill No. 239 AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF ELECTORS
PRIOR TO VOTING**

Co-Chairs Flexer, Fox, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee: Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony expressing my support for Senate Bill No. 239 AN ACT CONCERNING AUDITING OF SIGNED STATEMENTS OF ELECTORS PRIOR TO VOTING

In recent years, this General Assembly has repeatedly expanded access to the election registration process and voting itself. This is a laudable goal as I share the desire to promote participation in the election process. However, I have been disappointed in the lack of attention to maintaining the integrity of our voter rolls and elections that has occurred simultaneously. I proposed this bill for the purpose of improving the veracity of our election process. In recent years, we have seen numerous complications on election day, many that were reported in the national news. I urge the committee to take up this proposal to help maintain the very important trust Connecticut voters need to have in our process.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with my colleagues to make Connecticut a better place to work and live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Sampson", written over a horizontal line.

State Senator Rob Sampson
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