



# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON

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Honorable Members of the Committee on Elections and Ethics:

My name is Ann Bollin and I am clerk for the Charter Township of Brighton located in Livingston County. I have over 15, 000 registered voters within four school districts. I have been clerk since 2003 and have witnessed numerous changes to MI election law. As clerk, I am committed to ensuring elections are run with integrity and that a qualified voter meeting all of the requirements for an election is able to vote freely, secretly and independently.

I support HB's 5644, 5646, 5548, 5549 and 5669 and believe these changes will add to the integrity of election administration in Michigan and I offer the following specific comments:

HB 5644 – Refers to the processing and retention of a spoiled ballot. It is suggested that additional language be added to SEC. 765.A. (2) and (4) to clarify that the SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING THE SPOILED BALLOT be retained by the City or Township Clerk. The proposed language refers to the absent voter ballot return envelope only.

HB 5646 – Having a Qualified Voter File that is more current by requiring the comparison of the QVF against the US Social Security Administration's Death Master file (DMF) on a more regular basis will greatly assist city and township clerks in updating their voter records.

HB 5669 – This will assist voters and election workers in their efforts to meet Photo Id requirements under Michigan election law by providing further clarification.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me via phone or email. I am unable to present testimony in person due to a scheduling conflict.

*Ann M. Bollin*

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