

Senate Election Law and Internal Affairs Committee

Kelly Flathers 271-3093

HB 247, relative to retention of voter registration forms.

Hearing Date: March 21, 2017

Time Opened: 10:40 a.m.

Time Closed: 10:45 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Birdsell, Gray, Sanborn, Soucy and Woodburn

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis: This bill requires the city or town clerk to retain voter registration forms.

Sponsors:

Rep. Hoelzel
Sen. Birdsell

Rep. J. Belanger
Sen. Reagan

Rep. Dean-Bailey
Sen. Gannon

Who supports the bill: Sen. Regina Birdsell - District 19; Sen. William Gannon - District 23; Darryl W. Perry - Liberty Lobby LLC; David Scanlan - Deputy Secretary of State; Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel - Rockingham 3

Who opposes the bill: Will Anderson - Concord/Self

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Rep. Kathleen Hoelzel – Rockingham 3

- This bill is an attempt to secure voter registration forms.
- It came to my attention that there are many places where the supervisors of the checklist keep voter registration forms in their homes. This is not secure. There's a lot of confidential information on these forms. We need to protect the voters.
- This says that the forms will be kept in a secure place in the town clerk's office and that supervisors will have access to the information at any time.
- We used to put our social security number on those forms. That information is still out there.
- I also have an amendment for the committee that is not yet ready.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None

Neutral Information Presented: None

Future Action: Pending

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