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Testimony on HB 2438
House Committee on Elections

Chairman Schwab and members of the committee:


Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB2438. As you know, this bill changes the date when county treasurers assume office from the second Tuesday in October to the second Monday in January.

I support making this change for a couple of basic reasons. First, I believe it is a prudent move because all of our other county elected officers, except the county treasurer, assume office on the second Monday of January following their election. For the sake of consistency, it is a wise change to make.

Additionally, I find no compelling reason why a lame-duck treasurer should remain in office for eleven months after a successor has been elected. I am not aware of any nefarious activity by a lame-duck county treasurer, but the possibility exists. And an eleven month window of extended service beyond an election could lend itself to unproductive activity.

In closing, I believe this change is long overdue. I ask you all to support HB2438 and pass it out to the full House.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


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