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KEITH ESAU
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TESTIMONY ON HB2013

Chairman Bowers, Vice-Chairman Fitzgerald and Members of the Committee:

I appear before you in support of HB 2013. If enacted, the bill would modify the law so that People who are nominated by write-ins on the primary ballot still have the opportunity to remove their name from the general ballot.

A problem was brought to my attention last year. A person was written in on a party ballot in the primary for a township position and did not wish to serve. He ended up winning the general election, and resigned his first day after taking office.

A law we that passed a few years ago to prevent filed candidates from removing their name from the ballot after the primary had an unintentional consequence of preventing write-in candidates from removing their names also. HB 2013 fixes this problem by allowing people who are nominated by write-in in a primary to have their names removed from the general election ballot.

Representative Keith Esau