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Chairwoman Bowers and members of the Senate Committee on Ethics, Elections, and Local Government,

I come before you today to give testimony in favor of HB 2604.

HB 2604 adds a requirement for the Secretary of State's office to post precinct level results for federal and state offices within 30 days after the final canvas of each election. This is data which the Secretary of State's office already has and is currently can be obtained with a formal request.

For many years up through 2010, this information was routinely posted on the Secretary of State's website. However, starting in 2012, this data was no longer posted much to the dismay of many grassroots political analysts and others. It is my understanding that the reason for this was that the format of the information coming from many counties changed and made this process slightly more complex. However, just because the format of the data is not uniform does not seem like sufficient reason to not provide this information to the public without a specific request.

I urge you to support HB 2604 in order to provide more information to the public and I will stand for questions at the appropriate time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith Esau", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keith Esau  
House Elections Committee Chair  
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