

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**

**Monday, February 22**

**House Joint Resolution No. 58 (HJ 58): Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit  
No-Excuse Absentee Voting - Support**

**House Joint Resolution No. 59 (HJ 59) Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit  
Early Voting - Support**

Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, Senator Sampson, Representative Mastrofrancesco, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is Robert Rinker and I offer the following testimony in support of House Joint Resolution 58: Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit No-Excuse Absentee Voting and House Joint Resolution 59: Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit Early Voting.

I am a senior and I was grateful this past year that I did not have to vote in-person at my polling location. All of my neighbors over the age of 65 voted by absentee ballot this past November. I have never missed my sacred right to vote in our elections. I would hate for a snow storm or illness or pandemic to miss my opportunity to vote.

I was surprised to learn by watching TV that so many states allow for early voting and no-excuse absentee balloting. We are known as the State of steady habits, but this is one habit we should kick.

I want to thank you for hearing my testimony. I ask you to support House Joint Resolution 58 and House Joint Resolution 59.

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