

Honorable House Elections Standing Committee:

Please oppose SB 13. The effort to eliminate straight party voting in our great State will lead to disenfranchising of voters by lengthening time spent in voter lines, the ballot booth and ballot box and place undue stress on precinct workers and election administrators. Additionally I think that voters will not follow through on lengthy ballots cheating local residents out of a say in their local government. Please maintain straight party voting as an option.

As a voter I don't think there is much to gain by this change. I wonder if this is the beginning of the end of partisan offices at the local level in Michigan? A few years back the Michigan Townships Association tried to initiate the elimination of township partisan elections and their membership turned it down overwhelmingly at their annual conference. Please do not be short-sighted.

As an alternative - consider streamlining what is on a ballot - perhaps eliminating precinct delegates or placing all school related races on a separate education ballot.

Respectfully,

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