

HB 1303 -- BALLOT REGULATIONS

SPONSOR: Adams

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Elections and Elected Officials by a vote of 10 to 0.

This bill repeals an existing law preventing a voter from allowing his or her ballot to be seen by another individual with the intent of showing how he or she voted. It also creates a class one election offense for coercing or forcing a voter to vote in a certain manner and to take a ballot picture in order to verify their vote.

This bill is the same as HB 2298 (2020).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill clarifies that recording your own vote with a picture is permissible. Many people take ballot pictures and it should not be a criminal act.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Adams; and Arnie C. Dienoff.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill provided written testimony.

Testifying against the bill was Dan Kent Deplois.

Written testimony has been submitted for this bill. The full written testimony can be found under Testimony on the bill page on the House website.