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I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1812, which establishes a systematic process for the removal of deceased individuals from Missouri's voter rolls. The integrity of our elections is fundamentally rooted in the accuracy of our voter registration lists. When these rolls include names of the deceased, it undermines public confidence in our democratic processes and opens the door—however inadvertently—to potential opportunities for fraud or administrative error. By mandating monthly reporting of death certificates from the Department of Health and Senior Services to the Secretary of State and then to local election authorities, this bill creates a clear and efficient pathway to keep our voter records current and accurate.

Implementing HB 1812 will not only enhance the credibility of our elections but also strengthen Missourians' trust in the electoral system. Regular updates to voter rolls ensure that every legitimate vote counts, and that every election reflects the will of eligible voters. This bill introduces a common-sense safeguard that protects both voters and election officials, reducing the burden of manual checks and errors that may go unnoticed under the current system. I urge you to support HB 1812 and take this critical step to uphold the security and accuracy of Missouri's elections. Thank you for your consideration.



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I support this.



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WITNESS NAME: FRANK DONALD ECKELMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support all reasonable means of ensuring that the state's voter registration data is accurate, reliable, and protected, so that the public can have full confidence in all aspects of election results.

I support all reasonable means of ensuring that all qualified prospective voters have all optimal opportunities to register to vote.

I support all reasonable means of ensuring that all registered voters have easy and secure means of voting in all elections.



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I support HB 1812 because it ensures deceased individuals are promptly and accurately removed from Missouri's voter rolls, strengthening election integrity and maintaining an up-to-date, eligible electorate.



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WITNESS NAME: JANET HENNESSEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Language needs to be added for a timetable for when the SOS reports to clerks and the clerks remove the voters.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN WEBER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Great step towards free and fair elections.



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WITNESS NAME: KATE STRATTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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For HB 1812: Language needs to be added for a timetable for when the SOS reports to clerks and the clerks remove voters from the rolls.



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WITNESS NAME: KRISTI L BRANSTETTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Absolutely support this legislation! There is so much that families have to handle when it comes to the death of loved ones. Once the Department of Health and Senior Services received the death certificate, then the Secretary of State's office needs to be notified.



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WITNESS NAME: MARSHA GREER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Voter rolls need to be kept up to date and deceased people need to be removed from the voter rolls in a timely manner. We need fair and honest elections.



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill makes sense and is an important step to help our state have accurate voter rolls.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA BROSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Am in favor of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: REGINA ANNE DUFF		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I have written letters to Governor Parsons during his term, my Congresswoman Wagner and Senators Hawley and Schmidtt, deceased people need to be off the voter rolls. This has been a problem in St Louis for as long as I can remember and I am 68 years old.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT KELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In order to have fair and accurate elections, voter rolls need to be kept up to date and only include living people.



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WITNESS NAME: TAMARA BRINKMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I would like to suggest adding language to include a timetable for when the SOS reports to clerks and the clerks remove the voters. This needs to be specific.



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WITNESS NAME: THOMAS RITTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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List from deceased voter list should be removed monthly when received



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WITNESS NAME: TRACY WELBORN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB1812 compels DHSS to provide a monthly report and upon receipt by the SOS is compelled to provide the info to the Clerks however, it lacks a timeframe for the Clerks to actively remove people from their voter rolls which is a glaring omission. That loophole must be closed with a next step timeframe not to exceed 45 days.



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I support this measure to clean up voter rolls, it is common sense and long overdue to implement. A suggestion that may be worth consideration is to amend this bill to include a reasonable expected time frame for the subsequent actions to occur.

Example: Each month the SOS receives death certificates, then SOS has (**insert reasonable amount of days to forward to election clerks**), then election clerks have (**insert reasonable amount of days to remove the voters**) ...

This would give additional security and confidence to the process so it will ensure that it is happening in a timely manner.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANA BOURISAW SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this voter suppression tactic to manipulate the voters and nullify our vote. Stop this nonsense now



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WITNESS NAME: DIANA CRAIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill represents unnecessary government overreach under the guise of maintaining voter rolls. Missouri election law already requires voter registration lists to be maintained accurately, with procedures in place to remove voters who have died, moved out of state, or become otherwise ineligible. Adding a mandated monthly reporting process from the Department of Health and Senior Services does not solve a real problem and instead creates additional bureaucracy and opportunity for errors.

Forcing local election authorities to act on this new reporting schedule centralizes control, increases administrative burden, and risks mistakes that could affect voters' rights. It also puts private, sensitive death information into the hands of multiple agencies on a fixed schedule, raising concerns about privacy, data security, and potential misuse.

Legislation should fix problems, not create them. HB?1812 duplicates existing processes, adds layers of bureaucracy, and expands government involvement unnecessarily, all while offering no clear benefit to voters. Missouri citizens deserve laws that protect both election integrity and individual privacy, not legislation that bloats government and opens the door to mistakes or abuse.

For these reasons, I strongly urge a NO vote on HB?1812.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA KRAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: LYDIA STEINKOETTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is about death notification from health and senior services to the Secretary of State.

This bill would add a state-mandated data feed instead of relying on informal or voluntary processes, which could make the system more consistent and systematic.

However, this is a waste of time because votes are not being cast in a dead persons name.

Any conversation about dead people voting is a conflation of the issue. Dead people are listed on voter rolls, but that's a data problem, there's no evidence of "dead people" voting.

Don't waste time on data clean up. Focus on more important things, like more money for public schools, more money for mental health, common sense gun control, the list goes on.

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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 1812 may be presented as routine voter-roll maintenance, but in practice it creates an automatic, error-prone removal system with no due process protections, no verification requirements, and no mechanism for correction before a fundamental right is stripped away.

1. Voting is a fundamental constitutional right — not an administrative convenience

The right to vote is protected under:

The First Amendment (political participation),
 The Fourteenth Amendment (due process and equal protection), and
 Article I, Section 25 of the Missouri Constitution.

Any law that removes a person from the voter rolls must include procedural safeguards.

HB 1812 contains none.

Under this bill:

A death certificate is transmitted
 Names are forwarded
 Voters are removed

Automatically

There is no notice to the voter or family, no opportunity to contest an error, and no requirement that election authorities independently verify accuracy before removal.

2. Death records are not infallible — and the consequences of error are severe

Government death data is not perfect. Errors occur due to:
 Similar or identical names
 Clerical mistakes
 Data entry errors
 Delayed corrections
 Identity mismatches

Under HB 1812, one clerical error equals loss of voting rights.

Courts have consistently held that when the government acts on imperfect data to deprive a person of a fundamental right, due process requires notice and an opportunity to be heard.

HB 1812 violates that principle outright.

3. The bill conflicts with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA)

The National Voter Registration Act of 1993 requires that voter list maintenance:

Be uniform

Be nondiscriminatory

Include safeguards against erroneous removal

Prohibit removal without proper notice except in narrow circumstances

HB 1812 mandates removal based solely on a report — without notice, confirmation, or voter-initiated verification — placing Missouri at risk of federal noncompliance and litigation.

4. No appeal process. No correction mechanism. No accountability.

HB 1812 does not provide:

A notice requirement

A pre-removal verification step

A post-removal appeal process

A correction or reinstatement timeline

Liability or accountability for wrongful removal

If a living voter is mistakenly removed, the burden falls entirely on the citizen to discover the error — often on Election Day — and fix a problem the state created.

That is not election integrity.

That is bureaucratic negligence.

**5. This bill assumes perfect government performance — history says otherwise
Missouri law should be written for worst-case misuse and error, not best-case assumptions.**

When the state automates removal:

Errors scale

Disenfranchisement becomes invisible

Trust in elections erodes

Election integrity is not strengthened by speed. It is strengthened by accuracy, transparency, and restraint.

6. There are safer, constitutional alternatives

If the goal is accurate voter rolls, the legislature could require:

Independent verification by local election authorities

Notice to the voter or household

A waiting period before removal

Clear reinstatement procedures

Public reporting of removal errors

HB 1812 does none of this.

The right to vote should never hinge on an unchecked data transfer between agencies.

House Bill 1812 removes voters first and asks questions never. That approach violates basic principles of due process, conflicts with federal law, and risks disenfranchising lawful Missouri voters.

For these reasons, I urge the Committee to reject HB 1812.