

My name is Leah Lamborn, I have been a Nevada resident for over 50 years. I am testifying in opposition of SB292.

The number of states offering straight ticket voting has been declining over the years:

- UTAH - abolished in 2020
- PENNSYLVANIA - abolished in 2019
- MICHIGAN - abolished in 2016 -
- NEW MEXICO - legislature abolished in 2001.
- IOWA - abolished in 2017
- TEXAS - abolished in 2017
- INDIANA - abolished in 2016
- RHODE ISLAND - abolished in 2015
- WEST VIRGINIA - abolished in 2015
- NORTH CAROLINA - abolished in 2014
- WISCONSIN - abolished in 2011
- NEW HAMPSHIRE - abolished in 2007
- MISSOURI - abolished in 2006
- ILLINOIS - abolished in 1997
- SOUTH DAKOTA - abolished in 1996
- GEORGIA - abolished in 1994

Straight ticket voting exists currently in only 6 states: Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Oklahoma and South Carolina.

Why would Nevada want to implement a voting system that other states are eliminating? Straight ticket voting has been proven to discourage voters from becoming informed when they vote. I am sure we all want our voters to be well informed and educated on candidates and the issues rather than voting straight party line. Straight ticket voting leads to voters not voting on especially important non-partisan offices such as judges and school board members. It has been proven that strait ballot voters fail to vote for ballot questions and Constitutional Amendments. SB292 encourages lazy voting much like AB321 with mail in ballots, all this while costing the taxpayer additional tax dollars. This must be why so many other States abolished Straight Ticket Voting in their states.

AB292 also changes the appointment process for filling offices that have been vacated by death or other circumstance. It affects the process of minor parties to obtain ballot access. It removes the requirements of major parties in election law for selection of delegates to county and state conventions, and provisions governing county and state central committees. Please vote no on AB292.

Thank you,
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