

-Joshua Miller – Box Elder. My name is Joshua Muller, a precinct committeeman and resident of Box Elder, South Dakota. I respectfully urge the members of the Senate State Affairs committee to oppose HB 1066, and to vote to defer it to the 41st legislative day. HB 1066's intent may be to promote election integrity, but in reality, it does the opposite by disenfranchising bona fide South Dakotans like me who spend most of the year physically present in South Dakota - simply because we exercise our constitutional rights to travel freely and to have privacy. This is a result of the bill's highly restrictive changes to the residency definition in SDCL § 12-1-4 which removes the domicile language and essentially disenfranchises South Dakota residents like me who legally use a private mailbox (PMB) through a commercial mail receiving agency (CMRA) and don't "live and usually sleep" at their PMB address. A private mailbox (PMB) is a true physical street address, and is different from a PO Box. This bill is an egregious violation of my constitutional rights, even though I was very careful to follow our state's residency laws when I moved to South Dakota several years ago. I also pay thousands of dollars in sales taxes, vehicle excise tax & registration fees, but this dangerous bill denies me my right to vote and also puts me at risk of becoming a felon simply for exercising my constitutional rights! This is a result of the felony penalty in SB 68 (which already passed the Senate) which itself relies upon HB 1066's tyrannical change to the residency definition in SDCL § 12-1-4.

There must be no taxation without representation, and our country was founded upon this very principle. Furthermore, this bill destroys our decades-long South Dakota heritage and freedom-respecting residency laws which hold in high esteem our constitutional rights to travel and have privacy. My understanding is that these laws & traditions have been in place in South Dakota since the 1980s.

This bill must be strongly opposed, because it requires an individual to live & sleep at their PMB/CMRA address for at least 30 consecutive days which is either impossible or highly burdensome for people like me who enjoy traveling frequently, are often staying at another location, such as another campground or hotel nearby in South Dakota, are simply picking up our mail at the PMB location, and are using it for our legal domicile.

Instead of disenfranchising me and my constituents who carefully followed our state's residency laws, the government should instead enforce our current laws. The secretary of state and auditors should investigate actual voter fraud and perjury committed by those who lied on their residency affidavits by pretending to live in South Dakota, but actually own property and live in another home outside our state, and challenge and/or revoke the voter registrations of these perjured affidavits. Those whose voter registrations are being challenged and/or revoked should have a process to appeal, in case the investigations were

faulty. If this occurs, there should also be an option for those like me to protect my SD residency by re-signing my residency affidavit again which re-affirms that "I have no other residence outside of this state".

This issue is extremely important to me, as a South Dakotan who moved across the country to our state several years ago because of our values and decades-long traditions of enjoying the great outdoors and our God-given freedom to travel.

If HB 1066 passes, I risk losing my right to vote, and if SB 68 also passes the House (and because it relies upon HB 1066's dangerously restrictive definition change to SDCL § 12-1-4), I risk becoming a felon simply for exercising my constitutional rights to vote, travel, and have privacy - even though I spend the vast majority of every year here physically in South Dakota.

Please vote NO on HB 1066's passage and oppose it, in order to preserve my constitutional right to vote. Please uphold your oath to the Constitution by protecting my constitutional rights. Thank you. Joshua Muller, Precinct Committeeman, Precinct AW (Americas Mailbox)514 Americas Way #15628 Box Elder, SD 57719-7600