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SB33: Allowing electronic voter registration
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While this bill may make registration easier for some people, one of my concerns is that it is opening up the voter registration process to potential fraud and security breaches.

Whenever we make a process more anonymous, where there is no face to face interaction or accountability, I think the criminal element sees an opportunity for illegal activity.

Also, in this day and age of increasing identify theft, encouraging a person to put their photo ID with their birth date, address, and driver's license number (which in some cases is their social security number) into cyberspace is a security risk. Almost every day there is an article about how someone has hacked into a system and stolen identities from 'secure' information.

Another concern is that 13-2-206 of the 2009 MCA says **"A person may not be permitted to register until the person attains United States citizenship."** I have not seen anything in current law, or in this bill that requires a person to prove he/she is a US citizen by a US passport, Federal ID card, birth certificate, naturalization papers, etc.

Our farm has utilized foreign agricultural trainees for a number of years. This is a common practice on farms in the NE part of the State. Ours have come for one crop season on a training VISA. They have all applied for and received social security cards and Montana driver's licenses.

I spoke with a Joann at the MT Department of Motor Vehicles on 1/7/2011 (444-3292) to see if there was anything on a Montana driver's license that indicated citizenship status. She said that the possession of a Montana Driver's license is only proof that a person is legally in the US.

Some provision is needed to ensure that an applicant is indeed a US citizen before they are allowed to vote.

It should be up to the election administrator how confirmation is provided to the elector, not mandated as on page 4, lines 6 and 7.

Lastly, HB152 contains changes that would, if passed, affect section 3(6) of this bill, which deals with alternative forms of identification. These bills should be reconciled before final action is taken.

Thank you,

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