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I oppose this bill. The founders of our nation did NOT set up a democracy but rather a democratic REPUBLIC. One of their concerns was what I would call "tyranny of the majority" whereby the wishes of significant minorities would be trampled by a larger segment of the population - this could be the case with race, economic status, education, etc, i.e., any smaller segment could conceivably never be able to influence elections.

I believe this is the end effect, if not the objective of this bill - specifically to ignore the wishes of smaller, possibly rural, areas of the state who may not be as "progressive" as those in larger cities.

This bill destroys the protection intentionally incorporated in our Constitution and I urge all our legislators to vote NO on this bill.