

North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives

HOUSE OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE

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DISTRICT 76

September 16, 2024

Karen Brinson Bell Executive Director North Carolina State Board of Elections 430 North Salisbury St. Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Ms. Brinson Bell:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §120-14, the House Oversight and Reform Committee requests your appearance to testify on October 9, 2024, from 9:00 am until the conclusion of the hearing in the Legislative Building Auditorium.

As Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Elections ("Board"), you are uniquely qualified to explain to the Committee the Board's practices and policies for voter list maintenance and related data concerns. At the hearing, please be prepared to address this information, including:

- Requirements for voters and the Board under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA)
- Accuracy of methods to verify citizenship when voters register
- State and federal requirements to verify voter eligibility
- Voter identification and signature verification
- Tools available to make voter data easier to access and understand
- Reasons for voter history and election data to differ
- Use of Government Data Analytics Center (GDAC) for voter list maintenance
- Replacement of Statewide Elections Information Management System (SEIMS)
- The timeline and process to design, print, and disseminate ballots before and after the North Carolina Supreme Court decision on September 9, 2024
- Other topics as appropriate

Please read this letter carefully to ensure that you comply with all hearing requirements and that you understand your rights as a witness.

Each witness who is to appear before the House Oversight and Reform Committee must file with the Committee Clerk a written statement of proposed testimony 24 hours prior to appearing.

Responses to questions at the hearing should be limited to no more than five minutes per response.

Witnesses appearing before the Committee must include with their written testimony, a current résumé summarizing education, experience, and affiliations pertinent to the subject matter of the hearing.

Witnesses at hearings may be accompanied by their own counsel to advise them concerning their constitutional rights but accompanying counsel shall not directly respond to questions. We reserve the right to place any witness under oath. Finally, witnesses may obtain a transcript copy of their testimony given in open, public session, or in a closed session when authorized by the Committee.

To fully prepare for this hearing, your testimony must be submitted electronically in Microsoft PowerPoint (pptx), Microsoft Word (docx), or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) format to Cristy.Yates@ncleg.gov no later than Tuesday, October 8 at 9:00 am.

Accommodations for individuals with disabilities, including assistive listening systems, interpreters, and materials in alternate formats, may be arranged by contacting the Committee Clerk in advance of the hearing.

Should you or your staff have any questions or need additional information, please contact Cristy Yates at (919) 733-5784 or Cristy. Yates@ncleg.gov.

Sincerely,

Rep. Jake Johnson

Co-Chair

Rep. Harry Warren

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