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To: SoS Rulemaking **Subject:** Election law changes

I would like to object to the changes in the election laws that eliminate the Party officials from the election process. When you no longer have judges, appointed by party chairs, or have any party representation in the counting process, you are turning over the whole thing to the County Clerks office. This gives him or her the opportunity to appoint whoever without consideration of any bipartisan representation.

This is an extremely dangerous slippery slope to cronyism and election fraud.

Our county clerk recently closed part of his office and appointed all of the employees as part of the election process. There loyalty, obviously, is not to a fair election process, but to the party of their boss.

Since there is no party participation, this eliminates any post election protest or information requests because there was no one present at any point in the election to verify anything that seemed inappropriate.

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Frances Mathews