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LWVSC Testimony before the Constitutional Laws Subcommittee, H. 3823

The League of Women Voters of South Carolina believes that H.3823 is unnecessary and a potential obstacle to legitimate voters who are unable to vote in person. Strict limits were enacted last year regarding the numbers of applications for absentee ballots and absentee ballots that can be returned by an individual. Restricting the number of ballots that can be witnessed by an individual to five is an unnecessary further requirement, and one that may introduce additional obstacles for those in group living situations such as nursing homes.

We also question whether election officials can track this in order to ensure compliance with the law. It is doubtless technically difficult and would represent an additional burden on our already overburdened election officials.

We ask that you do not forward this bill with a favorable recommendation.

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