

Keeping election perfection

Objective: To ensure that the process of free and open elections, the cornerstone of democracy, is never tainted by alleged political influence.

Problem statement: There is a potential for conflict between the media, that has an objective of strengthening readership/viewership/listenership through innuendo and sensationalism, and the need for transparency and voter confidence in the electoral process. The tight association between the office of the Supervisor of Elections and the elected official serving in that capacity to one political party can lead to potential assumptions of political bias, a serious potential distraction from the desired efficacy in the office and process.

Proposed charter change: A charter amendment is proposed that would provide for the election of the Supervisor of Elections to be non-partisan election as is done for elected officials, such as judges and school board members where it is deemed appropriate that they not be perceived as politically motivated positions.