What is the Voter's Assembly in the American Context?

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Review: Why is conscience important?

I. Introduction: Review of the doctrine of Christian Freedom…

I. The Christian is Lord of all and Subject to none.
II. The Christian is the Servant of all and Subject to all.

II. **Reason 7**: Is allowing others to do what you are equally responsible to do a matter of conscience?

III. **Reason 8:** Hebrews 10: Does the assembly mentioned Heb. 10.25 refer to worship **or** voters' assembly?

IV. **Reason 9**: Under the doctrine of Christian Freedom what does Walther mean here by "offended?"

Walther's Nine Reasons Why Attendance at Voters' Assembly is a Sacred Duty:

1. If everyone would neglect it, the congregation would thereby be preparing for its demise.
2. It is unjust to let others work for you if you are just as obligated to do it as they are.
3. Every Christian has received his gifts from God and, indeed, they are to be used for the common good.
4. Through missing the congregational assembly on the part of individual members the congregation is always held back a bit when she wants to take steps towards improvement.
5. It is a violation of conscience to agree so something others have proposed without your doing your necessary evaluation of it.
6. Through that lack of participation the freedom of the congregation would necessarily be at risk of her governance falling into the hands of a very few.
7. We have no right, without need, to forego a right that God has extended to us.
8. In God's Word we are warned numerous times against any separation from our brothers.
9. Your brother is offended (caused to stumble) by such drawing back