

Action Alert #1

Contact Your Legislator Now

Deadline: Monday Morning January 19th

Contact YOUR legislators now to oppose or support these bills according to our League positions.

Many election bills, especially Senate bills, will be heard in committees starting Monday afternoon. Contact legislators Monday! If your Senator is on the Privileges and Election Committee your calls are very important Monday: Senators Carrico, Martin, Obenshain, McEachin, Smith, Alexander, Garrett, Reeves, Alexander, Miller, Deeds, Edwards, Cosgrove, Vogel, Howell

On Docket Monday Afternoon!!

Oppose: Registration by Party: SB1060 (Obenshain) (HB1599) that would require registration by party. It would be very expensive to have every voter declare a party and change before any election if so desired. High school students are not well-informed enough to choose a party at age 17 or 18.

Support the League's bills: SB765 (Edwards) HB1465 (Rasoul)
Counting prisoners in their home district instead of the prison will mean following the principle of "one man, one vote". The percentage of prisoners, who cannot vote or participate in local issues, in several local districts with large prisons is over 30%.
Counting prisoners at home would be in effect for the 2020 census.

Head of the Line access for voters over 75 years old or physically disabled. Instead of voting curbside these voters can enter the building and request to go to the head of the line. This reduces the need for election officers to take time to carry a ballot and equipment outside the poll.

Support the League's bills: SB853 (Favola) HB1327 (Filler-Corn)

Support: No-Excuse Absentee Voting

Ask for Support -- even those that include only those 65 and over.

SB677, SB708, SB719, SB758, SB822, SB816, SB910, SB954

House bills: HB1394, HB1497

VOTE CENTERS:

Ask for Support for the Pilot program for Vote Centers for primary elections. Vote Centers operate the same as absentee in-person voting. A voter can vote at any site -- whichever is most convenient. The low turnout for primary elections means some precincts have no more than 5 to 10 voters all day. The average primary turnout is less than 7%. This is expensive -- from \$8 per vote to \$300 depending on the precinct. Some of the huge amount saved could be used for robust public information so that voters understand where to go. Vote Centers may also increase turnout.

SB691(Deeds) and SB1977 (Vogel)

REDISTRICTING

Ask for support for a Bipartisan Redistricting Commission:
SB1000, SJR 224, SJR 284, SB824

Proof of Citizenship to register to vote: NO, DEFINITELY, NO to require proof of citizenship to register. Oppose HB1574 (Del. Pogge)
Think of how difficult it would be for registering voters at community events. It would definitely deter third party registration.

Voter Identification: Expand what can be used.

Support private high school IDs: SB820 (Barker) HB1653 (Bulova)

On Docket Tuesday Morning!!

Counting prisoners in their home District: SB765 On the docket
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