

Action needed ASAP:

MONDAY SENATE BILLS

1) **OPPOSE:** Voter Registration by Party:

Contact all Senators Monday morning to ask them to oppose Voter Registration by Party (SB1060).

The bill will be debated during the Senate floor session Monday followed by the VOTE. Registration by Party could significantly restrict voters from helping to choose candidates because a Party could limit voters at a primary election to only those registered as members of that Party. Allowed participation at primaries could be changed every year by the Party. Voters would need to request a change in Party in writing and meet deadlines to do that. The cost to notify all 5 million voters initially would be immense. When a voter notifies the registrar of a change in Party a new registration card would need to be mailed.

2) **SUPPORT:** The Redistricting bills by Senators were described in a previous Action Alert. Senators need to hear that you support these. Debate and Votes by the full Senate on all of these are expected Monday starting at noon!

SJ 284 - Vogel-Lucas constitutional amendment - This is our best bet because it is an independent commission + fair and specific criteria. On top of that, it's bipartisan with Chairwoman Vogel behind it now with Sen. Lucas. This is going to be harder for the House to vote down.

SB 824 (easily confused with the above #) - Miller's referendum on an independent commission - While this isn't binding, it did pass the Senate last year 40-0 and makes a strong statement for redistricting reform. It'd be great to have this issue on the ballot in November.

SB 1000 - Lewis's statutory advisory commission - While this isn't the best bill of them all, it's surely better than what we have and Sen. Lewis is a redistricting supporter.

TUESDAY SENATE BILLS:

Senate Privileges and Election Sub Committee meets at 9:00 AM

If these pass in the morning subcommittee they could be heard at the Tuesday 4:00 PM full committee meeting:

SUPPORT: Restoration of Felon's Rights: Amend the Constitution (SB238 and SB293)

SUPPORT: The EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (SJ216 -- Sen. Ebbin)

SUPPORT: Count the Prison Population at the home district of the prisoners to assure the principle of "One Man, One Vote". (SB765)

WEDNESDAY BILLS:

Senate Privileges and Election Subcommittee meets at 9:30 AM

MANY bills need SUPPORT!

SUPPORT the League's bills to allow voters 75 and over or voters with physical disabilities

to go to the "Head of the Line" instead of voting curbside: (SB853 by Sen. Favola, SB1073 by Sen. McDougle)

SUPPORT bills to expand no-excuse absentee voting (SB977, SB954)

SUPPORT bills to expand the list of accepted forms of Voter Photo Identification. (SB688, SB820, SB922)

I will send alerts regarding House bills next.

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