



December 5, 2025

Governor Mike DeWine  
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Dear Governor DeWine:

We write to urge you to veto Substitute Senate Bill 293 which needlessly and recklessly changes Ohio voting laws to yet again add administrative barriers for Ohio citizens to cast their vote and have it counted. SB 293 eliminates the four-day grace period for timely mailed ballots to be received by Boards of Elections after election day and creates additional mechanisms to cancel voter registrations. In short, the bill will make it harder for older Ohioans, disabled Ohioans, Ohioans without reliable transportation and working Ohioans to exercise their right to vote.

Voting by mail has become increasingly popular in Ohio. In 2024, over 1 million mail ballots were cast and thousands of valid ballots were received after election day. Ohio voters have no ability to control the mail delivery system so even though all of these ballots were postmarked by election day and many were mailed before election day, they arrived later. Ohioans who vote by election day should not lose their right to have their vote count based on unpredictable mail delivery. Every year there are elections decided by a very small number of votes, which means ballots not counted because of this change will not only entirely deny those voters their voice but will also impact election outcomes.

SB 293 will also result in more provisional votes being cast because it will shift more voters to provisional ballots when there is a data mismatch between the voting records and federal lists. The bill procedure does not protect Ohioans against errors in federal databases or entry errors by boards of elections. This unvetted change may also violate the National Voter Registration Act which generally prohibits systematic change in voter status within 90-days of a federal election. Provisional voters are generally not able to vote by mail and there are other technical reasons their vote can be denied. It is in the public interest to avoid unnecessary provisional ballots and unclear instructions for when someone's registration can be questioned.

The bill does not even attempt to balance the reduction in voter access by adding access to vote by mail through online absentee ballot requests, permanent absentee lists, or moving up the time when ballots can be mailed out to voters.

We welcomed your comment in January 2023, “I do not expect to see any further statutory changes to Ohio voting procedures while I am Governor.” S.B. 293 would defy that expectation. This bill is a hurried, ill-considered change to Ohio voting law that was introduced fewer than 60 days ago and had only one hearing in the House before passage. There was no opportunity to hear meaningful feedback from our election officials as all consideration of the bill occurred during the 2025 election process—after early vote had begun and before the results were certified. More importantly, the bill is not necessary or urgent because much of the procedure outside of the harmful provisions is codifying current practice.

For all of the reasons stated above, a veto of S.B. 293 is in the public interest. We hope that you protect Ohioan’s ballot access by vetoing the bill and ensuring that further dialogue and consideration is taken before we put a law into effect that will disenfranchise voters.

Sincerely,



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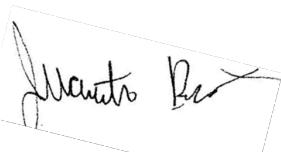
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