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I agree with things stated in the summary of the bill. I have question if we need to state that watchers observers need close enough access to processes to testify to the validity of the actions being taken.



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HB1065 Eliminates exploitation of the voter's personal information, while reducing profiteering and manipulation of the election process. It also allows for increased access and security for the voter and ensures voter eligibility is confirmed. HB 1065 Also eliminates and corrects a number of issues that has burdened this process for years. I strongly support this legislation.



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This bill makes it more difficult for vulnerable Missourians to exercise one of their most fundamental rights and duties. This bill is a slap in the face to Secretary Ashcroft's office, which had tremendous success managing the 2020 elections in Missouri. This bill addresses problems that appear largely phantasmal in Missouri. I strongly urge the good members of the Missouri House to focus on legislation that broadens voting opportunities rather than restricts them.



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I am Opposed to this Bill. Lots of Negative Effects and would lead to Voter Fraud.



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The Missouri Sierra Club opposed HB 1065 because this bill limits no-excuse absentee voting to in-person voters only. It would continue to require those casting absentee ballots by mail – often the most vulnerable voters such as seniors or those with chronic health conditions – to indicate one of the six reasons for casting their absentee ballot. With the expiration of the COVID voting provisions from 2020, this would create an unnecessary barrier for some of our most vulnerable voters. Additionally, this bill will require all in-person voters (including in-person absentee voters) to provide non-expired state issued photo ID issued by the state of Missouri or federal government to vote. The bill eliminates non-photo ID options currently allowed to vote, including a voter identification card or student ID, and eliminates the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters about voter ID rules. This will go to further disenfranchise Missouri voters and creates unnecessary provisions to voting that does not protect election integrity, but instead intentionally keeps Missourians away from voting. The Missouri Sierra Club strongly opposes HB1065 as this is not election reform, this is voter suppression.



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Because we are deeply concerned regarding the security and integrity of the electronic voting systems used for Missouri elections, we fully support returning to paper ballots to prevent voter fraud.



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Voter ID laws are modified poll taxes that are written by people that have the privilege of never having to worry we're their next meal would come from. The cost of a photo ID may be the difference in if a potential voter may be able to afford a meal. Besides, nearly all evidence of voter fraud have proven that the claims of widespread fraud are overblown.



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RE: Testimony in Opposition to H.B. 1065 Dear Chairman Shaul and members of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee: I write in opposition to H.B. 1065, being heard before the Committee on March 3, 2021. The legislation, while advancing some needed reforms like no-excuse absentee voting, expressly excludes mail-in absentee voters who need it most, reduces the time for voting absentee in person, limits the ability of caretakers to vote absentee, and imposes unconstitutional photo ID requirements that undermine Missourians right to vote, leaving the bill fatally flawed. The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition, a nonpartisan network of voter advocates in Missouri, urges the Committee to oppose the measure as written; to amend the legislation to extend no-excuse absentee voting to all absentee voters, to reject the bill's unconstitutional photo ID mandate, and to eliminate language narrowing the ability of caretakers to vote absentee. Among its various provisions, H.B. 1065 would:- Establish no-excuse absentee voting in person beginning three weeks before Election Day. Voting absentee by mail would still require voters to indicate one of six acceptable reasons to vote absentee. It also reduces the time for absentee voting; currently voters may vote absentee in person starting six weeks before Election Day. - Prohibit caretakers from voting absentee unless they reside at the address of the person under their care. Current law permits absentee voting for those serving as a primary caretaker for a person confined due to illness or disability.- Require all in-person voters (including in-person absentee voters) to provide non-expired state issued photo ID issued by the state of Missouri or federal government to vote. The bill eliminates non-photo ID options currently allowed to vote, including a voter identification card issued by the election authority, and eliminates the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters about voter ID rules. - Prohibit signature gathering within 50 feet of a polling place. Such activity may currently occur at least 25 feet from the poll entrance. To be sure, Missouri needs no-excuse absentee voting and is far behind the vast majority of states with its strict absentee voting limitations. Missouri election officials of both political parties support no-excuse absentee voting. Currently, 34 states plus the District of Columbia allow all voters to cast an absentee ballot without providing a reason. This has not only made voting more accessible for voters in those states but also more efficient for local election officials to administer. The significant rise in absentee voting in Missouri in 2020, when expanded absentee voting options were available, shows that Missourians would avail themselves of this option if offered. Missouri currently limits absentee voting only to voters who attest to one of six statutory reasons they expect to be unable to physically go to the polls on Election Day. With the expiration of Missouri's COVID-19 absentee voting provisions, Missouri's reasons to vote absentee no longer include advanced age, chronic health conditions or having or being at risk for COVID-19. Accordingly, I applaud Rep. McGaugh's nod to moving Missouri towards this needed absentee voting reform. However, no-excuse absentee voting should apply to all

absentee voters. Under H.B. 1065, no-excuse absentee voting would apply only to in-person voters. It would continue to require those casting absentee ballots by mail – often the most vulnerable voters such as seniors or those with chronic health conditions – to indicate one of the six reasons for casting their absentee ballot. Those voters would not be able to cast absentee ballots due to age or chronic health conditions alone, for example. Accordingly, we urge the Committee to extend no-excuse absentee voting to all eligible voters and not differentiate amongst absentee voters who have the ability to appear in person at the expense of absentee voters who cannot. Second, while H.B. 1065 provides absentee voting for those temporarily confined due to illness or disability (presumably to allow absentee voting for those who are ill but not permanently confined), it also narrows the circumstance for caretakers to vote absentee. Current law allows absentee voting by one who serves as a primary caretaker for someone who is confined due to illness or disability. H.B. 1065 would restrict this to caretakers who reside at the same address as the person under their care. This measure could generate hardships for caretakers. For example, I serve as caretaker for my 89-year old mother, but return to my home at night. I would no longer be eligible to vote absentee under this legislation. Third, the legislation reduces the time period to vote absentee in person. Currently, voters may request and cast absentee ballots beginning the sixth Tuesday before an election. H.B. 1065 reduces in-person absentee voting to the third Tuesday before Election Day. Fourth, H.B. 1065 is fatally flawed by its unconstitutional strict photo ID provision. H.B. 1065 imposes a strict photo ID requirement to vote in person (including in-person absentee voting) by eliminating non-photo ID options currently allowed to vote under § 115.427 RSMo. The Missouri Supreme Court has concluded that elimination of Option 2 IDs - as H.B. 1065 would do - would create a strict photo ID requirement that would be unconstitutional. State data show it would burden more than 200,000 Missouri voters who do not have a non-expired state-issued photo ID. The Missouri Constitution “establish[es] with unmistakable clarity that the right to vote is fundamental to Missouri citizens.” *Weinschenk v. State*, 203 S.W.3d 201, 212 (Mo. banc 2006), providing an explicit, affirmative constitutional right to vote more extensive than under the federal constitution. Under the Missouri Constitution, any law that significantly burdens the right to vote is subject to strict scrutiny, the highest level of judicial review, a standard that has been reaffirmed by the Missouri Supreme Court in two cases involving photo ID requirements to vote. This is why the Missouri Supreme Court in *Weinschenck* concluded that a strict photo ID requirement imposes “a heavy and substantial burden on Missourians’ free exercise of the right of suffrage” in violation of the Missouri Constitution. The passage of Amendment 6 in 2016 doesn’t make the photo ID provision in H.B. 1065 permissible. In January 2020, in *Priorities USA v. State of Missouri*, the Missouri Supreme Court considered the state’s request to strike the non-photo ID options to vote – which is what H.B. 1065 would do – and suggested it would not pass constitutional muster. The Court stated that eliminating Option 2 IDs to create a Photo ID-only requirement would have “pose[d] constitutional concerns and could not have been adopted by this Court.” 591 S.W. 3d at 459. Because H.B. 1065 eliminates the Option 2 (non-photo ID) options for voting, it is similarly unconstitutional. Eliminating the Secretary of State’s advance notice obligations only makes it worse. Voters need advance notice of voting rules to navigate voting requirements. Testimony at two recent Missouri voter ID trials revealed widespread confusion by voters and poll workers alike. As the Missouri Supreme Court has recognized, lack of sufficient notice on voter ID requirements can “cause voter confusion and decrease voter turnout.” Voters need more communication from their state’s chief elections official, not less. H.B. 1065’s photo ID provision is a solution in search of a problem. Missouri law already requires all voters to produce identification at the polls. There has never been an instance of voter impersonation in Missouri – and study after study shows it is exceedingly rare. Instead, H.B. 1065 would erect barriers to the ballot for thousands of eligible Missouri voters. Missouri law already provides stiff penalties for voter impersonation. In the midst of a deadly pandemic without the ongoing protections of Missouri’s now-expired COVID voting provisions, members of this committee should focus on making voting more accessible by expanding no-excuse absentee voting options to all voters who need it rather than again continue to promulgate unnecessary, expensive and unconstitutional burdens on the right to vote in Missouri. Accordingly, I urge the committee to OPPOSE H.B. 1065. Sincerely, Denise Lieberman, General Counsel MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION 6047 Waterman Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63112
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I am opposed to several provisions in HB 1065. Even though it does advance no-excuse absentee voting, it excludes too many people. It also reduces the time for in-person absentee voting and it puts undue limits on caretakers to vote absentee. This is the opposite of what we should be doing. I am also opposed to the elimination of non-photo ID options and the elimination of the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters about voter ID rules.



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This email is to express my strong opposition to HB 1065 While Missouri needs no-excuse absentee voting and is far behind the vast majority of states with its strict absentee voting limitations, no-excuse absentee voting should apply to all absentee voters, not just in-person voters. I urge the Committee to extend no-excuse absentee voting to all eligible voters, not just those who have the ability to present themselves in-person. Additionally, I am firmly opposed to the unconstitutional strict photo ID provision, which imposes a substantial burden for many of Missouri's voters and would constitute a poll tax for those who do not have a driver's license and do not drive. To date, Missouri has not seen levels of fraud that would justify eliminating the id forms currently in use by Missouri voters. I view this as an attempt at voter suppression. Finally, eliminating the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters of voting rules is also fraught with concerns and would disenfranchise significant numbers of Missouri voters. I urge you to keep Missouri's voting access open to all eligible voters and oppose these vote restricting measures. Thank you, Janice Seele



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March 2, 2021 Testimony in Opposition to H.B. 1065 Chairman Shaul and House Elections and Elected Officials: I am writing in opposition to H.B. 1065, which is being heard by the Committee on March 3, 2021. Although the legislation does include no-excuse absentee voting for those voting absentee-in-person, H.B. 1065 provides no such provision for those who vote absentee-by-mail and therefore excludes voters who need no-excuse absentee voting the most. H.B. 1065 reduces the time for in-person absentee voting from six weeks to three weeks and it prohibits caretakers from voting absentee unless they reside with the person under their care. H.B. 1065 will require all in-person voters to provide a non-expired state issued photo ID issued by the state of Missouri or the federal government in order to vote. And it eliminates the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters about voter ID rules. Missouri's Constitution guarantees the right of suffrage and yet H.B. 1065 and other like-minded bills are intent on making the right to vote extremely difficult. The photo ID requirement will place a burden on more than 200,000 valid Missouri voters who do not have a non-expired photo ID. These are citizens of Missouri who have been able to exercise their right to vote but will be told that they can no longer vote unless they have a valid photo ID. This is an undue burden and sends a negative message that some votes/voters really do not matter. Voting is one of the most important democratic principles of citizenship that exists. We should be encouraging voting rather than making it more difficult. Please vote no on H.B. 1065. Thank you. Joan Gentry 206 E Crestview, Springfield, MO 65807 417-840-4551 joangentry2012@gmail.com



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No-excuse absentee voting is desperately needed as just demonstrated during pandemic voting. But this bill expressly excludes mail-in absentee voters who need it most. Additionally, it limits the ability of caretakers to vote absentee! What are they supposed to do with their charges when they need to go vote? Are we that unsympathetic to these hard working individuals? The photo ID requirement is unconstitutional - there is no proof that this is an issue as people have been bringing utility bills to vote forever! This is a terrible bill meant to undermine Missourians right to vote.



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No legislation should be passed that makes it more difficult for Missourians, ANY Missourians to vote. We all stand all equal footing when it comes to our Constitution and the right to vote. If we are eligible voters, we should have free and easy access to the ballot box. Period. The Missouri Constitution says in Article I, Section I states: "That all political power is vested in and derived from the people; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole." The only reason we have a legislature is for the good of ALL Missourians. Our government in Missouri should operate to help all people, not just some people, pursue their own political decision making(voting). It should not matter whether you are poor, or able-bodied, or have a car, or easy access to transportation. It should not matter if you work sun up to sun down on a tractor, or in a factory or at a law firm, voting should be convenient, even as convenient as grocery shopping. Easy accessible voting does not have to be any more subject to fraud, or less traceable than voting in person. Many other states allow voters to track their mail in ballots. Caregivers need the flexibility and freedom they need to vote. It seems ludicrous that my voter card issued by the board of elections would not suffice. In November I signed the book as usual and they scanned my notification card. Where is the widespread fraud in our current system where photos are not required. If changes are made it is up to the government that every citizen be issued an id free of charge. How this to be done when most people do not have a certified copy of their birth certificate and don't know notaries etc. This seems like a modern day poll tax. Strict photo id is not needed in Missouri and government should not impose greater burdens on its citizens. My local assessor just sent me a declaration of personal property which I am required to sign under penalty of law. If my assessor can find me, if the board of election can send me a voter id, there is no reason why any alleged fraud under our current system could not be pursued. I have not heard about any issues with voting in Missouri in terms of fraud, so why is our legislature taking actions against its own citizens as if we are potential criminals? I do not understand why these restrictions are necessary if they hurt people. We need more accessible voting. There is nothing magical about 16 hours on election day. We need less restrictions not more restrictions, such as traceable vote by mail, as they have in Utah, and Kansas etc. We need additional days and hours to vote, if need be in person. The citizenry of all ages, parties, abilities, nationalities, religions, and means should be provided the greatest opportunity to vote, not be given impediments such as this bill proposes. Thank you.



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I oppose HB 1065 for a number of reasons because it makes it harder for people to vote. Limiting no excuse absentee voting once again makes voting a game of chance--that someone doesn't get sick, that the cow is having a tough time giving birth, that creek doesn't rise. All of these are conditions voters face in SW Missouri. We even have tornados in November. Why aren't we making it easier for people to vote, not harder. First of all, not all caretakers reside with the person they assist, yet they work long hours during the day and evening. Why make this differentiation when there isn't a problem with voter fraud? Why not make it easier for everyone to vote, especially those essential workers caring for our most vulnerable? The requirement of a non-expired MO issued photo ID creates barriers to voting to solve a problem that doesn't exist. It would impact military and business families stationed abroad, students who don't have driver's licenses, and there are many, the elderly, poor people, those working multiple jobs who don't have time to wait four hours at the DMV, and disproportionately impact people of color. Also, we have some voting locations where 50 feet would place the petitioner in the street or on private neighboring property. The right to address a government is a constitutional right and this part of the bill would inhibit the ability of people to gather signatures. We need to make sure everyone has a voice.



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**There is no reason to further suppress the votes of our citizens. There is no evidence of voter fraud.
This is an obvious attempt to harm our most vulnerable citizens from their democratic right.**



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, Thank you for allowing me to present testimony today. On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri and our approximately 15,000 members statewide, I would like to express our opposition to HB 1065. While this legislation takes a step forward on no-excuse absentee voting for our state, it retains a voter ID requirement that remains unconstitutional. In Missouri, the right to vote is fundamental and foundational to our state. We are one of only five states in the entire country who spell out the fundamental rights of all citizens to vote. It is a legacy we should be proud of and promote. HB 1065 does reform no-excuse absentee voting yet it expressly excludes mail-in absentee voters who need it most, reduces the time for voting absentee in person and limits the ability of caretakers to vote absentee. Taken on the whole, this bill must be opposed. Missouri is undeniably behind when it comes to absentee voting. Election officials of both parties support no-excuse absentee voting as a common-sense reform. Currently, 34 states plus the District of Columbia allow all voters to cast an absentee ballot without providing a reason. This makes voting accessible and efficient. We saw how well it worked to expand voting options in Missouri for the November 2020 election and we should not shy away from these reforms now. Moreover, no-excuse absentee voting should apply to all voters, not just those voting in person as the current bill reads. It should also robustly cover caretakers who may not reside with those they provide care for. In other words, we need to meet Missourians where they are and give them more opportunities to cast their ballot, not fewer. However, HB 1065 goes much further, particularly in regards to voter ID. Strict photo ID requirements are unconstitutional and burden more than 200,000 valid Missouri voters who do not have a current state-issued photo ID. Photo ID requirements disproportionately impact communities of color and the elderly. The Missouri Supreme Court in its two cases involving photo ID requirements to vote, including a decision in January 2020 stated that both the right to vote and right to equal protection under the Missouri constitution are "even more extensive than those provided by the federal constitution." Repeatedly, Missouri's Supreme Court has concluded that a strict photo ID requirement for voters imposes "a heavy and substantial burden on Missourians' free exercise of the right of suffrage" in violation of the Missouri Constitution. We know the outcome of voter ID. When states implement voter ID, voters, especially voters of color, elderly voters, and low-income voters stand to miss out. Nationally, thirteen percent of Blacks, 10 percent of Hispanics, compared to 5 percent of white voters do not have a government issued photo ID. According to Project Vote, twelve percent of adults living in a household with less than \$25,000 annual income lack photo ID, compared to just 2 percent in households with over \$150,000 annual income. Voting is not just for those who have the money to pay for their rights. Voting is a fundamental right. We urge you to vote in opposition to HB 1065. There is no need to make voting harder in Missouri. It is time to focus on increasing voter turnout and engaging everyone in the democratic process instead of restricting access to the ballot box. We

urge you to vote “no” on HB 334. I look forward to your questions. Sincerely, Sara Baker
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This bill is a virulently anti-democratic bill that clearly seeks to disenfranchise voters in the state of Missouri. Such actions are anti-American and beneath the dignity of our state.



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This bill unconstitutionally restricts the right to vote by requiring only photo ID. At a minimum, the voter registration card should be sufficient to vote.



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This column written by me was published in the Joplin Globe on 2/28/21. I will continue to try to educate Missourians about Republican attempts to suppress the voice of the voters. As more Missourians become aware of the baseless claims behind some of these measures, I believe there will be a negative impact on the Republican Party's integrity in our state. I urge this committee to NOT forward proposals that make the exercise of our constitutional rights more difficult. "Republicans should be protecting, not thwarting, voting rights" Missouri legislators are creating a raft of measures to make it more difficult to vote. In his column "State Lawmakers Shouldn't Undermine Elections," Steve Roberts talked about nationwide efforts by Republicans to suppress voters (Globe, 2/19/21). Let's bring this a little closer to home. Many of our Republican lawmakers echo the "election fraud" excuse for their zealous voter suppression maneuvers. They claim a need to make our elections "safer," though they can't produce proof of substantial fraud that might change election outcomes. There are decades of nonpartisan research that show that "election fraud" is a contrived deception. These deceptive outcries discourage some people from going to the polls and undermine faith in government. Those who falsely claim "fraud" are insulting dedicated election officials who monitor election security. And they don't seem to recognize the contradiction of claiming that voters cheat, while occupying their legislative seats in Jefferson City. I guess it's just the "other guys" who get elected fraudulently. In addition to claiming fraud, they intend to discourage voting by getting rid of COVID-19 precautions that were in place for 2020 elections, even though the pandemic remains a threat, especially for spring elections. Another bill would be a "use it or lose it" measure allowing election officials to purge voters from rolls if they are inactive for two years. Missouri doesn't currently require political party registration and allows open primaries. Another bill would require party registration and closed primaries where voters could only have a ballot that matched their registration. "Independent" is not a party in Missouri, so many voters could be disenfranchised by that one. In addition, local primary elections can be situations where the only candidates are those from a party different from yours. A Photo ID law passed in 2016, largely because Republicans convinced voters that hordes of dead people were voting and multiple others were impersonating someone else at the polls. The law was declared unconstitutional by the Missouri Supreme Court because of problems with a sworn statement required for those without photo ID. Lawmakers seem hell-bent on getting an amended version passed this session. This is a solution to a "problem" they cannot prove exists and an unwarranted attempt to suppress the votes of marginalized constituents. And a very important way to control voters is the redistricting process that takes place after every U.S. census. In 2018 voters passed an amendment that would have reduced the Legislature's control over how voting districts are drawn. This was an attempt to reduce gerrymandering that gives an electoral advantage to either party. Republicans didn't like that outcome, so they put the issue back on the ballot in 2020, overturning the 2018 results. And, by the way, it took tens of thousands of citizen signatures to get the issue on the

2018 ballot, and it passed by 62%. But only a simple majority of the 197 legislators was needed to get it back on the ballot in 2020, and the result was only a 51% majority. This thwarted the will of the people that was shown in 2018 but gives them confidence that they can maintain control over state lawmaking. In 2020 57% of Missouri votes went for both Donald Trump and Mike Parson. Slightly more than 40% were for Joe Biden and Nicole Galloway. So assuming a 60/40 split between Missouri voters, you could expect Democrats to have a stronger showing in our Legislature. But Democrats currently hold only 30% of the seats. This, in large part, is a result of how legislative districts are drawn. Redistricting will happen again soon based on the 2020 census. The process needs to be monitored to assure fair maps and fair representation in Jefferson City, at least as fair as the 2020 law will allow. While Republicans strive to make it harder for Missourians to vote and have fair representation, Democratic legislators are proposing options in the other direction. These include no-excuse absentee voting, extended times for early voting, automatic voter registration, same day registration, and methods for "curing" absentee ballots that are filled out incorrectly so that those votes can count. The contrast between the two parties' attitudes toward voters is stark. Democrats believe that voting is the right of every citizen and desire increased voter participation. Republicans throw up barriers. Some Republican leaders have admitted that preventing people from voting is the only way they can maintain political control. Steve Roberts is correct that our legislators shouldn't try to undermine our elections. Be informed about Missouri Republicans' efforts to do so. Don't fall for deceptive excuses for voter discouragement and suppression. Let them know that you cherish every citizen's right to vote and to have fair representation in Jefferson City. They should be protecting and facilitating these, not trying to manipulate and thwart them. Sherry Buchanan, Ph.D. Joplin, MO (417) 529-4636



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I oppose this bill as it needlessly imposes further restrictions on Missourian's access to voting. I have seen no stories reporting significant--or even measurable--voter fraud in past elections. Accordingly, this bill seeks to address a problem which does not exist. At a time when our society is seeking to become more inclusive, and technology can ease access to voting and speed tabulation of results, this bill appears aimed to burden voter access and undermine confidence in the electoral process.



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This bill limits no-excuse absentee voting to in-person voters only. It would continue to require those casting absentee ballots by mail – often the most vulnerable voters such as seniors or those with chronic health conditions – to indicate one of the six reasons for casting their absentee ballot. With the expiration of the COVID voting provisions, those voters would not be able to cast absentee ballots due to advanced age or chronic health conditions alone. It also reduces the time for in-person absentee voting to three weeks before Election Day; currently voters may vote absentee in person starting six weeks before Election Day. This bill prohibits Prohibit caretakers from voting absentee unless they reside at the address of the person under their care. Current law permits absentee voting for those serving as a primary caretaker for a person confined due to illness or disability. The bill eliminates non-photo ID options currently allowed to vote, including a voter identification card or student ID, and eliminates the Secretary of State's obligation to notify voters about voter ID rules. Prohibit signature gathering within 50 feet of a polling place. Such activity may currently occur at least 25 feet from the poll entrance. This is an undemocratic voter suppression bill.



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