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Thank you Representative Johnson for sponsoring this bill that would make voting more accessible to all Missourians! As a current college student and former educator, I also really appreciate the higher Ed component because I know this would benefit college students at every university across the state! I wholeheartedly support this bill and hope it continues to move forward so that it can be signed into law this year!



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Yes, yes, please make election day a holiday. Elections should be one of the MOST IMPORTANT aspects of a democracy. Making election day a holiday would show that elections are valued! Plus this would make it much more likely that more people are involved with being election judges. We cannot keep relying so much on our retired community to complete this necessary task.



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By designating general Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, as a state holiday, several barriers can be addressed that currently impede the ability of many Missourians to exercise the right to vote. I have previously advocated for the filing of HB 1445, sponsored by Representative Jamie Johnson [12], addressing the addition of Election Day as a state holiday and requiring schools and universities to close unless designated as a polling place. Firstly, a state holiday would provide essential flexibility for individuals who face demanding work schedules. Many voters are discouraged by the challenge of fitting voting into work and school schedules, and dedicating Election Day as a state holiday would alleviate this issue, positively reflecting in turnout rates. Secondly, a state holiday would enable greater access to polling places. With the day off from work and school, individuals would have more time to travel to their designated polling locations, reducing the strain on our electoral infrastructure and potentially shortening lines at polling stations. Additionally, declaring Election Day as a state holiday would underscore the significance of civic duty and encourage a culture of active participation in the democratic process. The dedication sends a powerful message about the importance of voting, fostering a sense of national pride and responsibility among citizens. The election process is the single most important aspect of democracy, deserving of statewide recognition. I implore the committee to consider the positive impact that this proposal could have on our democratic process in Missouri. By further advancing the proposal of HB 1445 specifying the addition of Election Day as a state holiday, the government can take a significant step towards ensuring that every eligible voter has the opportunity to vote and contribute to our democratic process. As the general election approaches in November, it is more important now than ever to make the dedication to ensure voter participation is prioritized this election cycle.



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Please vote FOR HB1445, making election a state holiday. Making it easier to vote is one of the most important things we can do to increase participation in our democracy.



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The ACLU of Missouri (ACLU-MO) submits this testimony in support of HB 1445, which would establish the November general election as a public holiday. The ACLU-MO is the state affiliate of the national ACLU and works in the courts, legislature, and Missouri communities to defend and preserve the civil rights of individual Missourians, specifically of that to vote. Establishing election day as a public holiday would expand access to the polls, increase civic engagement, and thereby provide for a more representative and responsive government. However, we cannot forget those individuals who still work on many holidays – shift workers, healthcare workers, caretakers, and others. The right to vote is fundamental under our state and federal constitutions and should not be limited on the basis of when you have to work. Many Missourians simply cannot afford to take the time off work in order to wait in line at the polls and vote. They should not have to choose between putting food on the table and their fundamental right to vote. This bill, if passed, would be a great step in the right direction of making voting more accessible – but we can still do more! Accordingly, we urge to vote YES on HB 1445.



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An election day holiday facilitates voting For college students, a holiday will also facilitate voting, especially for those whose place of voting is not near the campus



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I believe it's important to make voting as accessible as possible. Making Election Day a holiday would increase voter participation and serve as a valuable teaching tool for students.



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Recognition of Election Day as a holiday will enable more people to vote. Voting is an important civic duty and should be encouraged. Having a holiday will assure that more people can get to the polls.



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Making election day a state holiday will allow more people to engage in voting without worrying about missing work or school. Since there are so many other bills wanted to curb early voting and absentee ballot deliveries, having this day available for voting give more people access to their constitutional right.



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I support making election day a holiday. Democracy has to have voters and has our society has changed it is harder and harder to take time off to vote. Unfortunately this will not help essential workers because they don't get holidays off It will draw attention to the importance of voting which is vital to a sustained democracy.



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I support making election day a holiday because it would make it easier to vote; voters would not have to leave their work place and risk being penalized. An election day holiday would encourage people to vote. To have a truly representative government every effort should be made to facilitate voting so that every person eligible to vote will do so. Please vote Yes on HB1445. Thank you.



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I am Opposed to Creating and Granting another State Holiday for State Employees, Universities & Colleges in Proposed H.B.-1445 "Granting a Day-Off of Work for even Numbered General Elections to be held in November every other year." There are several questions: A. Does this "Election Holiday" also apply to 1,800 Counties, Cities, Villages and Townships along with 2,200 Special Districts such as 518-School Districts, Fire and Ambulance Districts, Health Districts, Hospital & Nursing Home Districts, Library Districts, Water & Sewer Districts and other Special-Districts? B. There are discrepancies on the Fiscal-Note Impact. The Office of Administration estimates that it will cost the state \$1.4-Million Bi-Annually. That is more than twice the estimate of the Fiscal Impact to the General Budget of \$635,000. There are additional Fiscal Concerns and left-out numbers within the Fiscal Note. I am Opposed to this Proposed House Bill-1445 and want to go on the Official Public Record of Against the Bill, do to the cost and Financial impact to the State and to the State General Fund.



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