
Oppose HR 2132, HR 7007 & Senate Bill 2341, Senate Bill 2593

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Dear Members of the RI State Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to let you know that I **OPPOSE** the following proposed bills and the reasons why I do:

HR #2132 - This act would remove the current thirty-day state/local residency requirements and instead enable a voter to be registered by, or ON election day.

There is a reason why a thirty-day requirement was established, especially at the local level. It gives the voter time to get to know their new neighborhood and issues they may be voting on. It gives the Board of Canvassers time to properly register, record, and update the voter list before upcoming elections. Enabling voters to register ON ELECTION DAY gives NO ONE time to properly verify voter eligibility, NOR does it give the Board of Canvassers time to update the voter roles. It smacks of enabling voter fraud.

HR # 7007 and Senate Bill #2341 - Both bills would allow disabled and military voters to utilize electronically transmitted ballots.

While I definitely support disabled and military voters' right to vote, ELECTRONIC BALLOTS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE!! Electronic ballots are an open door to election fraud. There is no way to positively identify or insure that the electronic ballot was completed by or submitted by the purported voter. Given the advances of AI, even picture ID is suspect online. We have the tools of EARLY VOTING AND MAIL BALLOTS (used with extreme caution). We DO NOT need electronic voting for ANY VOTERS.

Senate Bill #2593 - This act would redefine "Political Party" and define and distinguish between "major parties" and "minor parties" based on the total number of vote a party's candidate received in the previous election, among other factors.

First of all, there is no need to redefine the concept of Political Party. We are all aware of the major and minor political parties in RI. Do not candidates have to state their political party when they submit their intention to run for office? Election results already sort out the votes received by the stated political party of the candidates. Why would you want to make it more confusing? Sounds like a tactic to assist voter fraud and certainly confusion among the voters.

Respectfully Submitted'

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