

DRAFT RESOLUTION TO ABOLISH MAIL-IN VOTING UNLESS SOLICITED BY THE  
VOTER IN THE FORM OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

WHEREAS vote by mail creates opportunities for voter fraud and reduces election integrity in several ways, including but not limited to:

- Mail-in ballots have no chain-of-custody from the time they leave the possession of the voter and are relinquished to the United States Postal Service, a common carrier such as FedEx or UPS, a ballot courtesy box, and the ballot box or slot at the elections office;
- Without simultaneous supervision from both major political parties, persons involved with the delivery of ballots to the department of elections including those with the department of elections, have the opportunity to dispose of or manipulate ballots. Manipulation can occur merely by crossing out who the voter voted for and marking another candidate;
- Ballot harvesting has been rampant, including political party activists going through nursing homes, homeless encampments, and stopping people in public and offering them gifts or enticements for registering to vote and having them sign an already completed ballot;
- At the ballot counting center most if not all counting officials are of the same major political party, and those of the other political party cannot participate in (any may only be permitted to observe) ballot management and tallying of votes;
- The duration of simultaneous supervision (for voting and tallying) during in-person poll voting is less than 24 hours, versus mail-in voting that requires a minimum of 24 days, which creates more opportunities for election fraud. Without simultaneous supervision from both major political parties, nothing prevents operators from:
  - From feeding the same ballot into a scanner several times; manipulating the scanning of ballots;
  - Manipulating pictures of ballots from the scanners;
  - Manipulating the transfer of ballot data from the scanners to computers;
  - Manipulating computer data;
  - Filling in blank ballots with votes offsite;
  - Bringing ballots to the counting center at any hour;
  - Using ballots from deceased or incapacitated persons;
  - Accessing multiple ballots and voting several times;
  - Having illegal immigrants vote; and
  - When assigned a task, especially if they are members of the same political party, from committing fraudulent acts.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

- In-person poll voting, except for circumstances warranting an absentee ballot, shall be the sole method of voting, and shall occur on election day, consisting of one general and one primary per year, at poll sites from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Absentee ballots will be available for up to 30 days prior to election day for those who cannot vote in person on election day;
- Chain-of-custody procedures for each ballot, with signatures at each leg, shall be

performed by one member of each major political party and shall be used from the time blank ballots and supplies are picked up prior to polls opening until delivery of completed ballots to the counting center after polls close. Blank ballots, voter registration poll books, and voting materials shall be simultaneous delivery to poll sites by one member of each major political party;

- Supervision of voting at poll sites shall be performed at the poll sites by one inspector from the winning party of the last election at that poll site, and two judges, one from each major political party. If additional judges are necessary, there must be an equal number from each major political party;
- At least one member of law enforcement shall maintain order at each poll site during voting;
- Voters must present photo identification, proof of United States citizenship, and sign the poll book beside their registration in order to obtain a ballot.
- The voter must put their completed ballots through the slot into a locked and sealed ballot box;
- An absentee ballot or ballots may be delivered and signed over to a poll site on election day;
- After the poll site closes at 7:00 PM, the locked and sealed ballot boxes must be transported to the counting center by one member of each major political party and a law enforcement escort;
- Upon arrival at the counting center, ballot boxes shall be simultaneously relinquished and signed over to one member of each major political party;
- Vote counting must be by hand or mechanical means such as punch cards (no scanning or electronic tabulating of any kind) and tallying shall be simultaneously performed by an equal number of major political party members;
- Total completed ballots must match voter rolls in the poll books;
- The counting center must stay open with all officials until final results are signed and certified by both major political parties;
- Law enforcement shall maintain law and order at the counting center.

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