

Oppose Proposal 2 - Ignore Misleading Ads

Dear Friends,

Under our current secretary of state, Michigan's voter registration rate has increased to 103.7% of our state's voting-age population! Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and the governor have taken numerous actions to undermine the safety and security of our elections. But now we face a new threat in a proposed Constitutional amendment.

Proposal 2 would weaken election integrity in our state. Despite false promises in its ads, this proposal would actually prohibit ever requiring photo-ID from voters.

The Michigan Senate last year passed legislation to strengthen photo ID requirements for voting, while also providing free state personal identification cards to those who need them. However, it was vetoed by the governor and now **Proposal 2, if approved, would prevent any future laws to strengthen photo ID requirements for voting.** This ignores the will of nearly 80% of Michigan registered voters who support strong photo ID requirements to protect integrity.

Proposal 2 would also allow ballots to be counted even if they are received after Election Day from voters living overseas. This could serve to delay results in close races and would lack the safeguards currently in place for ballots processed on Election Day.

Perhaps one of the most troubling aspects is that **Proposal 2 would instruct local clerks to mail BALLOTS (not applications) to absentee voters every election without a request** each year. This means that each election tens or hundreds of thousands of ballots will be mailed to individuals who have moved or died. This creates a new and massive opportunity for fraud.

This proposal would also allow non-government, third-parties to provide funding for our elections. How can our elections be truly impartial when they are being paid for by special interests?

Other provisions that might seem good are already the law. Eligible individuals already have a right to vote without harassment. Election officials already conduct post-election audits (I started them when I was Secretary of State).

Don't believe the misleading advertisements, Proposal 2 would hurt election integrity. Please let as many people know as possible by mouth and electronically ASAP that Prop 2 will gut integrity in our elections!

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