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My name is Bill Freytag and I have served as the Deputy Director of the Richland County Board of Elections since 2011.

In 2007 and 2008, I served as a poll worker when Richland County implemented the first electronic pollbooks (EP's) in the state of Ohio. Since that time, our county has consolidated many of our single precinct polling locations into vote centers. These two changes, along with the growing number of early and absentee voters, has resulted in more poll workers being assigned to a vote center than are necessary to efficiently and accurately conduct elections in our county. For example, under the current law, 21 poll workers are currently assigned for each election to our vote centers with five precincts. They literally can't get out of each other's way during some elections.

Therefore, as long as we have the option to utilize more workers when our Board deems necessary, we strongly urge you to vote for the passage of SB21.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Bill Freytag

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