

I am the Director of the Greene County Board of Elections and have been working in the field of elections for over 25 years. I am also a former President of the Ohio Association of Election Officials as well as a former member of the Legislative Committee. I currently serve as a Trustee for the association. I respectfully submit testimony in support of SB21. I think that as election officials and as public servants it is important that we conduct fair, honest and open elections while providing that service at a reasonable cost.

I believe that passage of SB21 which will allow Boards of Elections the ability to assign the necessary number of precinct election officials to our polling locations will help us accomplish that goal.

Greene County is a medium county and we assign several precincts to most of our polling locations. Our county uses e poll books to check in voters and DRE machines for voting. Any voter may check in at any e poll book station and may then vote on any DRE in the polling location. The use of the e poll book has dramatically decreased the amount of time necessary to sign in a voter. Our check in times have gone from as long as 2 ½ minutes per voter to less than 45 seconds per voter. Use of e poll books has certainly changed the number of precinct election officials needed to efficiently run a polling location on Election Day.

Of course there are elections where we may need to utilize more precinct election officials and SB21 will give counties the flexibility to do that. The ability to allocate resources as needed gives us a tool to effectively manage taxpayer dollars.

I would like to thank Senator Eucker, the co-sponsors and other members of the Ohio Senate for their continued good work in helping us provide secure, accessible and transparent elections in Ohio and I would respectfully urge passage of SB21. Thank you for your consideration.

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