

**Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 337**  
*Designating Ohio Voter Registration Day*

Chairmain Maag and members of the House State Government Committee, thank you for hearing sponsor testimony on House Bill 337, my proposal to designate the fourth Tuesday of September as Ohio Voter Registration Day.

Currently in Ohio, over one million eligible Ohioans are not registered to vote. Along with passing Automatic Voter Registration, which I have proposed and has already passed in six states, we must work to raise awareness about the importance of registering to vote.

House Bill 337 joins Ohio with other states in observing National Voter Registration Day. During National Voter Registration Day, citizens and organizations alike come together to host voter registration drives, advocacy events and information campaigns. These events work to publicize the critical information people need to get registered, update their addresses and cast their ballots—especially among those who may have the most questions when it comes to registration, namely young voters, college students, minorities and low income voters.

During each of the last two elections, I have challenged student groups across Ohio to reach out to register classmates in the spirit of National Voter Registration Day. In adopting an Ohio Voter Registration Day, we are not simply invoking another awareness day, we are initiating a call to action. We are calling Ohioans, voters, advocates—everyone with a stake in our democracy—to reach out and equip fellow voters across the Buckeye State with the tools they need to exercise their most fundamental right.

Thank you again for providing me the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on this bill and I look forward to answering any questions you may have.