

May 20, 2024

Dear Chairman Ghanbari, Vice Chairman Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Homeland Security Committee:

Please pass **HB 472 "Ohio Votes Count Act"** for the security and safety of our Ohio Elections.

I am writing today in support of House Bill 472, The Ohio Votes Count Act.

I was disappointed to learn that without access to appropriate resources to validate, county Boards of Elections add applicants to voter registration databases from paper registration application forms with virtually any name, address, date of birth and identification number and the government is NOT sharing databases that store information on non citizens which could easily adjudicate inconsistencies.

This leads to the following ineligible voter registrations appearing on Ohio voter rolls with potentially illegal votes in Ohio elections:

- Not a US citizen.
- Not a valid driver's license or state id number
- Not a valid last four digits of social security number
- Not a valid residential address to name a few

I have worked at the polls for a few years and because the new drivers licenses should denote non citizen or non transferable/non renewable one would one think it would help with identifying non citizens yet my county BOE do not educate the poll worker team to this information and some BMV are not adding this demarcation to the DL when issued.

**I feel Non-citizen voting is one of the most important issue facing the American people. We wish for fair and honest elections but when unverified individuals are being added, it disenfranchises the voters who meet the lawful criteria in which to exercise their right to vote. Being a senior citizen, I worry what path our county is traveling on and one thing we can do to help prevent destruction of this great county is pass HB 472**

***We require ID for most all we do in life; boarding a plane, purchasing alcohol, registering for an event, to name a few-yet requiring proof of who you are is somehow not allowed? Seems common sense, yet in this world we live in common sense is no more and we need to return to our roots and what this county was founded upon.***

In addition, if a registration is found to be ineligible after it is added to the voter rolls, it usually cannot be removed from Ohio voter rolls for a minimum of four years according to federal and state law. If it is determined that one is voting in another state this would qualify for immediate removal from the voter rolls.

HB472 Ohio Votes Count Act improves this process by providing county Boards of Elections access to BMV records and the ability to verify US citizenship. All application information is required to be validated before an applicant is added to Ohio voter rolls. Existing ineligible voters are reported by the

Secretary of State, available for online public viewing, and county Boards of Elections are responsible to resolve in accordance with federal and state law.

I strongly support HB472 which will make sure persons voting in Ohio elections are validated to be eligible citizens of Ohio, and I encourage you to support HB472 as well.

Sincerely,

Sue Mazzarini, OEIN member and private concerned citizen