

Members of the Ohio Senate,

SB 153 is an unnecessary and notably restrictive piece of proposed legislation for our state (or any other in our nation). The increased work required by poll workers and county Boards of Election would be no small burden and an added complication for our well-functioning elections in Ohio.

Despite concerns trumpeted by the Republican leadership, documented issues of fraudulent voting are vanishingly small. Ohio Secretary of State LaRose's investigations last year revealed audit accuracy rates of 99.997% for the Senate race and 99.998% in local races.*

The citizenship requirement has been tried and failed in Kansas after keeping 12% of qualified voters from participating. That painful lesson need no be learned again on the backs of Ohio voters. Further time and taxpayer money spent considering this unneeded legislation should not be wasted. SB 153 proposes a dysfunctional addition of a poorly considered hurdle for voters in our state. SB 153 should advance no further.

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*<https://www.clevescene.com/news/after-a-year-of-voter-fraud-concerns-ohios-election-audit-lands-north-of-99-again-45818004/>