

STOP SB 153: The Attack on Your Right to Vote

SB 153 is a massive, unnecessary power grab masquerading as election reform. It rewrites Ohio law to intentionally make voting harder and silence the voice of the people. This bill must be stopped because it:

1. BLOCKS ELIGIBLE VOTERS

The bill creates a **discriminatory, burdensome** proof-of-citizenship requirement that will disenfranchise tens of thousands of legal voters—especially married women, young people, and low-income Ohioans. Simple data mismatches will force voters onto provisional ballots, **guaranteeing the rejection of thousands of valid votes.**

2. CRUSHES CITIZEN POWER

SB 153 directly attacks the cherished citizen petition process. It imposes **impossible, nit-picky demands** on signature gathering and threatens volunteers with politically motivated investigations, effectively **killing** the ability of citizens to bring issues to the ballot box.

3. BANKRUPTS LOCAL ELECTIONS

The bill overloads local Boards of Elections (BOEs) with a **mountain of tedious, unfunded mandates** and unnecessary administrative tasks. It bans secure drop boxes and adds immense logistical strain, making it harder and more expensive for local officials to run elections.

SB 153 is not election integrity—it is voter suppression.