



Testimony of Paul Lagemann, State Advocacy Manager
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Position: Proponent, Senate Bill 293

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Garavone, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of Senate Bill 293 regarding the receipt date for mail-in ballots. My name is Paul Lagemann, and I represent Heritage Action, a national grassroots organization with activists nationwide, including thousands of Buckeyes.

Current law requires that mail-in ballots be postmarked by 7:00 pm on Election Day, with a four-day grace period for receipt, which delays the announcement of election results. In 2024, 30 percent of Americans – over [46 million people](#) – voted by mail, including [1,078,103 of Ohioans](#) (30 percent), according to the Ohio Secretary of State. ¹

With more Ohio voters voting by mail, delays in counting ballots mean delays in results. Delays in declaring election outcomes can cause confusion and erode confidence in the electoral process. A 2022 poll by [Trafalgar Group](#) showed that the longer it takes for election officials to report election results, the less likely the public is to trust the results. SB 293 is a common-sense proposal to streamline Ohio's elections and ensure trust among voters.

Heritage Action supports SB 293 and urges your support for this important legislation.

¹ Daily Absentee Report Count for the November 5, 2024 General Election - Ohio Secretary of State