



Americans for Prosperity – Ohio Proponent Testimony, Senate Bill 107 – Senate General Government Committee – 11.18.2025

Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of Senate Bill 107. My name is Hannah Kubbins and I'm the Legislative Director for Americans for Prosperity – Ohio.

Senate Bill 107 would require candidates for state and school district board member positions to appear on the ballot with a party designation. This simple change will have a profound impact on how Ohioans engage with their local elections and make choices that reflect their values.

When voters step into the voting booth, they deserve to know not just the names of candidates, but also the values and priorities those candidates represent. Party affiliation is a key piece of information that helps voters understand a candidate's general philosophy, approach to governance, and likely policy positions. By requiring party designation, SB 107 ensures that voters are not left guessing about where candidates stand on important issues.

Many voters are surprised to learn that school board and state board of education races are often nonpartisan, even though these positions make decisions that affect every family and taxpayer. Transparency about party affiliation helps voters hold elected officials accountable for their decisions and the policies they support. When candidates are clear about their affiliations, it becomes easier for citizens to track promises, follow voting records, and engage in meaningful dialogue with their representatives.

Research and experience show that voters make better choices when they have more information. Transparency leads to more thoughtful, informed voting. When party designation is visible, voters can more easily compare candidates, weigh their options, and select leaders who align with their values. This reform does not limit choice—it enhances it by making the process more open and understandable. Voters have already found this identifier to be useful in Supreme Court races.

In an era of growing skepticism about government, transparency is the surest way to rebuild confidence in public institutions. SB 107 is not about partisanship—it is about empowering Ohioans to make decisions with all the facts at their fingertips.

Senate Bill 107 is a commonsense reform that puts voters first. By making party affiliation visible on the ballot, we give Ohioans the tools they need to make informed choices, hold their leaders accountable, and strengthen our democracy.

I urge the committee to support SB 107 and help make transparency the default, not the exception, in Ohio's elections.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 107.