



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State Representative Jay Edwards

House Joint Resolution 4 Sponsor Testimony

Thank you Chairman Gavarone, Vice Chair O'Brien, Ranking Member Maharath, members of the Local Government and Elections Committee, for the opportunity to testify today in support of House Joint Resolution 4, and thank you to my joint sponsor for his work on this important issue.

The question before the committee is really this: Should non-citizens be allowed to vote in Ohio elections? It doesn't get more straight forward than that.

Representative Seitz is absolutely correct in noting the 2020 Yellow Springs incident to underscore why this loophole should be closed.

Make no mistake. This issue will come up again – unless of course we pass House Joint Resolution 4 and Ohio voters approve it in November.

This is about the integrity of our elections. We are being proactive to ensure our election laws are clear and unambiguous.

I haven't heard from any members of the Ohio House or Ohio Senate who believe non-citizens should be allowed to vote in Ohio elections. In fact, I would suggest most members of the General Assembly, like most Ohioans, agree: Only a citizen of the United States should be able to vote in Ohio elections.

Thank you and we're happy to answer any questions you may have.