

Voter Suppression Update

Let me be absolutely clear...HB 531, SB 202, SB 241 and other voter suppression bills are anti-democratic & unpatriotic!

These anti-voting bills severely impact ALL Georgians...blacks, whites, young, old, democrats and republicans!

It's NEVER too late to let your government, that works for you, to hear from you!

So call Governor Kemp (404-656-1776), Lieutenant Governor Duncan (404-656-5030) and Speaker Ralston (404-656-5020) and share your strong opposition against HB531, SB202, and SB241...TODAY and every day until you get a response!

Remind them...that "The People" are their employers!!!

- *Georgia State Representative Derrick Jackson*

** IMMEDIATE CALL TO ACTIONS: KEEP FIGHTING VOTER SUPPRESSION ** PRESSURE WORKS

Thanks to all the protest, calls and emails, the voter suppression bills have been significantly improved. Repealing no-excuse absentee voting is off the table and they have restored the flexibility for counties to do early voting on both weekends, including Sundays.

That being said, there are STILL bad measures in both SB 202 and HB 531 including:

- Invalidating provisional ballots for voters who show up to the wrong polling location
- Limiting absentee ballot drop box hours and access

- *Fayette County Commissioner Charles Rousseau*

HB531 will:

- Require ID to request an absentee ballot, disenfranchising those who don't have ID
- Limit absentee ballot requests to 11 days prior to an election
- Cause absentee ballot drop boxes to solely be located inside in-person early voting sites
- Cause absentee ballot drop boxes to only be available during working hours
- Entirely disqualify provisional ballots cast by voters in the wrong precinct
- Outlaw giving food and drinks for voters waiting in line
- Reduce the period between elections and runoffs from nine weeks to four weeks
- Institute ranked-choice voting for military and overseas voters
- Prohibit county election officials from accepting outside funding to supplement taxpayer-funded election budgets
- Restricts the use of mobile voting buses (which would disproportionately affect Fulton County)

- Ban mass mailing of absentee ballot request forms from state and local governments
- Require labeling on absentee ballot request forms mailed by private organizations

SB202 will:

- limit voter access by curtailing voter drop boxes
- requiring voter ID for absentee ballots and disqualifying provisional ballots cast in the wrong precinct

SB241 will:

- End no-excuse absentee voting
- Restrict early vote locations
- Allow legislative takeovers of local board of elections
- add new voter ID requirements
- establish a hotline to report voter fraud and require investigation of reported fraud by Attorney General.
- Required to be away for early voting and election day