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I strongly oppose HB 2107.

It is bad enough that the DMV is automatically registering people to vote, we do not need another agency doing this as well. Voter registration is well outside the scope and mission of the OHA and it needs to stay that way! Each agency's mission can only be accomplished efficiently and effectively if each agency stays in its own lane. That also means we need to go back to where the Election Office, alone, registers voters.

OHA and DMV automatically registering people creates the vulnerability for a person to be registered twice and get two ballots.

The proposed electronic signature sharing between the DMV and OHA in this bill is disturbing. Sharing a person's signature across agencies without permission is a violation of that person's privacy. Also, sharing signatures across electronic platforms makes them vulnerable to hacking and provides an opportunity for fraud and identity theft in which case the State would be liable.

Voting is a right and privilege of citizenship – not an IMPOSED right and privilege. Exercising one's right to vote needs to include a thoughtful, conscious effort by the individual to participate in the election process. It is not to be treated as an "opt-out" activity as demonstrated in the following quote from the bill:

"If a person notified under subsection (4) of this section does not decline to be registered as an elector within 21 calendar days after the secretary or county clerk issues the notification, the person's electronic record and electronic signature submitted to the county clerk under subsection (4) of this section will constitute a completed registration card for the person for purposes of this chapter."

Likewise, a person being released from jail does not need to be forced to become a registered voter. They were just liberated from a situation where everything was imposed on them. Let them re-enter society and then decide what they want to do.