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Passage of SB 210 recognizes the importance of each vote. It is at least as important as going to a movie or concert, and deserves at least the same effort of the part of a voter. Voting in person is also a distinctive expression of citizenship.

Provision must be made for voters suffering a severe hardship in reaching a polling place on a specific day. This should be documented.

As an exercise in understanding the value of each vote, divide the total budget of a level of government by the number of people voting for representatives or measures at that level. The answer comes to tens of thousands of dollars per voter.

The security gained by voting in person with proper identification is another benefit of this bill. Pass it.