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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Oregon Senate bill SB-210 must not be passed. To do so, for one reason or another, would prevent otherwise registered voters from using their legal right to vote.

This is an important issue because passage of Oregon SB-210 (sponsored by Republican state senator David Smith) would be a huge step backward toward overly restrictive voting rights, ostensibly because of voter fraud. In actuality, very, very few cases of fraud have been proven.

Oregon SB-210 takes Oregon right back to one day, 8 hour voting, wait-in-line in-person status in local wards and precincts. In addition, a government issued ID would be required at the time of voting.

The history of Oregon's Vote-by-mail experiment dates to 1981, and it was the first state in 1998 to go fully to vote-by-mail. It was also the first state in the nation to use it for a presidential election. It simply made it easier for more people to vote.