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I support SB 210

Vote by mail has a history of being rejected and returned in the following year, rejected again, and then finally in 1998 it passed.

"Everything is perception." We cannot actually measure reality in the event either position is true. We can only measure our human conception of which reality the 'black hole' of mail in voting goes.

Mail in votes are convenient but they also pose a question of perception in the voters' minds: were they actually collected? Were they thrown out? Were they duplicates? That is the big question: What is the perception of the voter? Everyone has seen the mailboxes being dumped, set on fire, and mail in ballots at the centers with suspicious hours, suspicious ballots etc., and each party is again, to blame.

The proposal for voting with transparency is seen at a ballot box. Not all voters can get there. Ballot boxes should be widely available for everyone to be inclusive. But to use the shroud of mail in voting only increases the likelihood of voter suspicion and disapproval of our legislative bodies.

Godel's incompleteness theorem states that there will always be truths that cannot be proven, no matter how far out you "work the math."

We do not need absolute Flawless Perfect Platonic Ideals of Certainty to have a reasonable level of certainty. But voter identification AND at a ballot box increases the statistical significance of voter confidence and approval ratings of the government.

By rejecting it out of hand allows again for the constancy of The Big Bad Government. This is avoidable by reinstituting voting with ID at the ballot box.

Nothing is perfect - ever. There will be those who decry it because they are too busy. Voting over the years with mail in ballots since 1998 has NOT made more ppl civic minded. I have seen people lose interest exactly because it is "too simple." People should be pumped to vote, make time to vote, and shift workers should have the availability to get to a ballot box during their lunch hour.

Voting is a privilege & a duty of citizens. Voters should be able to sigh one of relief that they believe their voice is heard, their ID's validated, and the ballot box open. Not through the mail "because" of perception.