

Submitter: Tianna Coburn
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Elected Members of the Committee,

My name is Tianna Coburn, and I am writing to oppose SB 210, which proposes making in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election. The primary reason I am opposing it is because the current process, which makes mail-in voting over a given timeframe the standard, enables true democracy and allows for voices - from all types of situations and backgrounds - to be heard. For many people I know, there are many challenges to voting in-person, day-of; these people represent a wide variety of political and personal beliefs, but share common obstacles such as financial constraints, familial obligations, health concerns, and more. And, although there is a provision in SB 210 that theoretically "allows an elector to request a ballot that may be voted by mail if the elector is unable to vote in person on the date of the election," there could be multiple reasons that arise at the last-minute that inhibit someone from voting in-person, who may otherwise have been planning to do so. Voting by mail as a standard alleviates some of these obstacles by providing flexibility.

There are more creative solutions to address concerns around voter fraud. These creative solutions do not, and should not, exacerbate the disenfranchisement of voters across the political spectrum who face the obstacles listed above.

Thank you for your time.