

Submitter: Barbara Talley
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Committee Members,

I am opposed to in-person voting as the standard for conducting elections. I find our current system of vote by mail or drop-box to be secure and convenient. I always follow up online to make sure my vote has been received by the secretary of state's office and I'm satisfied with that system of accountability.

With all of the partisan strife taking place in our country currently, I also believe mail-in voting to be a safer way to cast my vote than standing in line and being subject to potential intimidation by self-appointed "poll monitors." Not having to vote in person also lessens the risk that voting precincts will be targeted by bomb threats or other acts of violence that may interfere with people being able to cast their ballot.

In addition, voting by mail is more convenient for those of us who live in rural areas that may be far away from voting precincts, and whose farming and ranching duties may make it difficult to vote at a physical location on a specific day.

Finally, vote by mail also makes it possible for seniors like my mother-in-law to cast her ballot. She is physically unable to stand in line and wait to vote in person.

To sum up, I am firmly opposed to SB 210. To my knowledge, our current election system in Oregon is secure and functional. I appreciate all the benefits of the vote by mail system and see no good reason to be required to vote in person.

Sincerely,
Barbara Talley