

ACTION ALERT



Your Action is Needed Now: *Elections & Voting Access*

Take Action Now!

SB 90 will be presented in the Senate Governmental Oversight and Accountability Committee WEDNESDAY (3/10/2021) at 10:30 a.m. (EST).

A bill moving through the legislative process is attempting to alter the frequency in which voters must request vote-by-mail ballots, making it more burdensome upon voters to have their voices heard in our elections.

As written, [SB 90](#) will make voters work harder to get mail-in ballots. Parts of this bill complicate voting by mail in Florida for voters, Supervisors of Elections, our own Secretary of State and numerous civic organizations like the League.

Parts of this bill we, in fact do like--canvassing vote-by-mail ballots as soon as a county finishes Logic and Accuracy testing makes sense. **But let's be clear that this change is only part of this bill and it is overshadowed by a *monumental* change to the current mail-in ballot process.**

Under current law, a mail ballot request is valid through two election cycles, or up to four years. This bill, as written, would require voters to ask for a mail ballot over and over, every calendar year, year after year. This will undoubtedly confuse the current electorate if changed, especially following a major election. It will increase cost and work loads on our 67 Supervisor of Elections and their staff. *If passed, when the law takes effect, a voter's vote-by-mail status would be nullified and a voter would have to sign up again with their Supervisor of Elections.*

Reasoning behind this change that claims a voter may move and a ballot may be accessed by someone else is flawed logic. A ballot will not be delivered by the USPS if a person is no longer listed as living at a current address. On top of that, a ballot can not be used by anyone other than the person who requests it. Our state has an intense signature verification process and is why we often see political parties launch extensive ballot cure programs in the days following elections. Worries of transient voters moving often already have solutions in statute.

[Click here to read more on this bad bill from the Sarasota Herald-Tribune.](#)

We're urging every Florida League member to contact the members of the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee and encourage them to vote "NO" on this bill as written.

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Thank you for making these calls and writing these emails to help make democracy work!

Sincerely,



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