

# VOTE NO IN AUGUST

**ONE PERSON = ONE VOTE**

## Needed: Your Votes And Your Generosity!

Right now, Ohioans are in the most consequential fight of our lifetimes to protect and preserve democracy. This is not hyperbole. This is real.

In this Impact Report, we detail the serious threats before us. Authoritarian legislators are planning to effectively end all citizen-led ballot initiatives, thus enshrining vile partisan gerrymandering, total abortion bans, racist voting restrictions, anti-LGBTQ laws, and more, for generations to come.

**Learn all the details here. Then, hear and share widely the ACLU of Ohio's rallying cry to vote NO in August to save democracy and vote YES in November to ensure reproductive rights. Implore others to do the same.**

You can also help by making a generous donation today to the ACLU of Ohio Foundation to undergird public education and legal challenges.

Thank you for stepping up when Ohio needs you most!



J. Bennett Guess  
Executive Director



## Vote NO in August

**Democracy is under attack in Ohio.** On May 10, a Republican supermajority in the Ohio Legislature passed Senate Joint Resolution 2, an extreme, undemocratic proposal to increase the passage threshold for ballot measures from 50% to a supermajority of 60%, while also making it virtually impossible to qualify for the ballot in the first place. This extreme, undemocratic proposal will now be before voters on an August Special Election ballot. The irony is that just in December, the General Assembly specifically eliminated August statewide special elections due to abysmally low voter turnouts and excessive costs to Ohio taxpayers. It is brazenly manipulative and hypocritical to put such important matters on the ballot when most voters are unaware an election is even taking place. Alas, their diabolical plan, all along, was to put this unlawful measure on the ballot, thinking that **we, the people**, wouldn't be paying attention. We look forward to proving them wrong at the polls on **Tuesday, August 8.**

**Here's the big takeaway:** If passed, this radical proposal will allow 40% of Ohio voters to block proposals that 59.9% of Ohioans support, most especially the reproductive freedom measure which will come before voters on **Tuesday, November 7.**

As a result of our extremely gerrymandered legislative districts, the laws that come out of the Statehouse do not reflect the will of most Ohioans. This is exactly why Ohioans need to have recourse, by taking issues they care about directly to the people. **The opposition is rigging the system because they know they cannot win.** This is an all-out power grab. All of our rights are now on the line.

## One Person One Vote Campaign

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We will defeat this extreme measure on **Tuesday, August 8**, and then secure abortion rights on the November ballot. The next six months are make-or-break for the future of our great state.

We need you to plug into the campaign today at [VoteNoInAugust.org](https://VoteNoInAugust.org)



## Voting Specifics

### Important dates to know:

- **July 10:** Deadline to register to vote in the August Special Election
- **July 11:** Early voting begins — **Request an absentee ballot to vote by mail!**
- **August 8:** Election Day

For the entire early-voting schedule, visit [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov)

**Voter ID Requirements:** In January, Governor DeWine signed HB 458 into law, making Ohio's voter ID laws among the strictest in the country. It's likely you haven't yet voted under the new requirements, so make sure and double-check that you have what is needed to vote.

Here's a quick breakdown:

- **In-Person Voting:** You must now have a **valid PHOTO ID** to cast a ballot in-person during early voting at your County Board of Election, or on Election Day at your individual polling location. Options include:
  - Ohio Driver's License or Ohio State ID (expired licenses not valid)
  - U.S. or Ohio issued Military ID Card (with name and photo)
  - U.S. Passport
- **Voting By Mail:** The only identification required to request an absentee ballot is the last four digits of your Social Security Number.



## Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom

Let's win, together! A major campaign is well underway to secure abortion rights in the Ohio Constitution via a citizen-initiated constitutional amendment. This issue will be up for a vote during the November General Election. Anti-abortion lawmakers are terrified of the momentum and support for Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom, of which the ACLU of Ohio is a founding member, because they know that reproductive freedom is an extremely popular issue that most Ohioans support. Patients and doctors, not government extremists, should have the freedom to make their own reproductive healthcare decisions — free from political interference. The ballot belongs to the people, not politicians pushing their radical agendas. Plug into the campaign by visiting [AbortionAccessOhio.org](https://AbortionAccessOhio.org)



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