

This is a lighter week for actions overall, and we have some wins to celebrate! These actions and more are also posted on Open Democracy Action's <u>Team Member Tookit</u> page.

First off, we encourage you to contact your Senators and urge them to oppose HB 217, which is scheduled for a floor vote on Thursday, 5/15. Here is the link to email your Senator, with pre-drafted language - feel free to personalize it further! HB 217 received a recommendation of ITL by the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee with a 4-1 vote. This bill requires absentee ballot voters to submit information demonstrating citizenship, age, domicile, and identity in order to qualify to vote. This would place an undue burden on those who already struggle the most to cast their vote, is unwarranted given the minimal levels of voter fraud, and would ultimately decrease voter turnout.

**HB 67** is also scheduled for a Senate <u>floor vote</u> on 5/15. It received an overwhelmingly positive reception at its public hearing on Tuesday, and was recommended as **OTP-A** by the Senate Election Law Committee in a unanimous 4-0 vote. HB 67 offers a straightforward solution to ensure accessible voting systems are used consistently across all elections, guaranteeing that disabled voters can cast their ballots with dignity and in compliance with federal law. HB 67 is likely to pass, and we encourage you to <u>thank the Senate Election Law and Municipal Affairs Committee</u> for their support.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns, and as always, thank you for your continued engagement and commitment to upholding the health and integrity of our democracy!

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