



June 23, 2021

Honorable Representative Bollin and House Committee on Elections and Ethics:

The Oakland County Clerk's Association (OCCA) takes the following positions on legislation being discussed at today's hearing:

**SB 303** – We oppose this legislation. We currently have a process that identifies voters on precinct lists without identification and we report the numbers after every election. In addition, we retain voter applications for six years so they can be reviewed, if necessary. Currently, if someone is registered and on the precinct list, but do not have their identification, they sign a legal affidavit that they are not in possession of their ID. In addition, to require election workers to issue a provisional ballot is unnecessary, it is cumbersome, disenfranchises registered voters in their correct precincts, and slows the voting process. This will not only require registered voters to return to the Clerk's office, it may disenfranchise low-income and senior voters who do not have access to obtaining identification or the ability to return to the Clerk's office after the election due to transportation issues. We would like to reiterate that if a voter comes to a precinct without ID, are not on the precinct voter list, and they do not have proof of registering, they are issued a provisional ballot envelope that is not tabulated until the voter can verify their ID and residency with the Clerk.

**SB 304** – We oppose this legislation because it eliminates the ability of the Clerk to verify a registration for an elector casting a provision ballot and places the burden solely on the elector. For example, if a registration was submitted and received timely and sent to the Secretary of State or the county and that registration is not transmitted timely to the local clerk or held up in the mail stream, we could not count the ballot when it should be.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl E. Rottmann".

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