



ACTION ALERT

HB 6066, 6067 and 6068

SCRIPT:

Hello, my name is _____, and I am a voter in District _____. I am calling to express my opposition to HBs 6066-6068 which will require a photo ID be presented to vote on election days.

There are many reasons why I am opposed to this bill, but my main concern today is the impact this will have on our homeless population in Michigan. In 2015, there were 62,447 adults of voting age who were homeless in across the state. Being homeless, or at risk of homelessness, doesn't take away a person's constitutional right to vote, but it does create additional barriers to exercising that vote. Many individuals currently experiencing homelessness do not have a valid photo ID and can't attain one because of prohibitive fees, additional costs such as transportation to get to state offices, or lack of access to required documentation such as birth certificates.

HB 6066 creates an undue burden for these individuals, who have as much right to vote as you and I do.

HB 6067 and 6068 do provide some means for individuals to access documentation, but they should not be tied to this restrictive voting bill (HB 6066) **and** need additional research and broader input before they should move forward.

Please consider the implication of these bills on all populations before voting. Thank you.

TALKING POINTS

- HBs 6066-6068 would require a photo ID be presented to vote on election days
- This creates an undue burden for individuals experiencing homelessness since many do not have an ID and face barriers to getting one.
- These barriers include fees, additional costs like transportation to/from state offices, lack of access to required vital documents such as birth certificates
- Individuals experiencing homelessness have the legal right to vote and are allowed under current Michigan law to register to vote in person without showing a photo ID
- HB 6066 creates undue burden
- HBs 6067-6068 included language that provides access to documents such as photo ID, but the process and full financial impact is unknown at this time. Ultimately, any bills that expand access to state IDs should not be tied to restrictive voting bills (such as HB 6066).