



OHIO VOTERS ARE GOING TO THE POLLS **AUGUST 8**

HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU VOTE

How does having an August election impact students?

- August elections heavily impact college students' access to the ballot. By having an election during the summer months when students are taking advantage of gaining work experiences in their future fields, study abroad programming, and volunteering around the country and across the globe, it is much more difficult for students to vote and contributes to low voter turnout.
- Students are the most transient during the summer months, and have less access to their institutions which often assist in providing vetted, nonpartisan information so that students can use their constitutional right to vote.
- Something as significant as changing the processes by which citizens have a say in improving our state laws should not be proposed during an off year August special election.

However, since this is the situation that we are in, it's even more important for college students to turnout and vote; via early voting, by mail, or in-person if they are able to.

What are we voting on? Issue 1 would:

1. Raise the threshold for passing ballot referendums from a simple 50% (+1 vote) majority to a 60% (+1 vote) supermajority.
2. Eliminate a 10-day window that allows petitioners to replace any ineligible signatures.

Passing Issue 1 would **create significant hurdles for citizen-led ballot initiatives that take away from your ability to participate in direct democracy**. As a consequence of this supermajority threshold, **consequential ballot referendums will be decided by a minority of voters**.



Not sure if you're registered to vote? Want more information about how to cast your ballot? campusvoteproject.org/ohvote