

VOTE NO ON QUESTION 4

Question 4 would allow voters to register at polling places on Election Day or during early voting, eliminating the existing requirement of registering ten days in advance, which provides sufficient time to verify voter registration.

While expanding access sounds appealing, same-day registration seriously jeopardizes election integrity and tips the balance too far toward convenience at the expense of accuracy and public trust. Key problems include:

- • **Removal of verification buffer:** The existing 10-day deadline allows election officials critical time to verify eligibility, confirm residency and citizenship, check for duplicate registrations, and maintain accurate voter rolls through the statewide system. Eliminating this means rushed, on-the-spot verification.
- • **Pressure on poll workers and resources:** On Election Day, this would create overwhelming pressure, including longer lines, confusion, a surge in provisional ballots (many of which would be rejected later), and strained resources in an already busy process.
- • **Post-voting discoveries:** Issues would often only be identified after ballots are cast, making corrections nearly impossible without undermining trust in the results or leading to legal disputes.
- • **Ineffective penalties:** While penalties for false statements exist, they are after-the-fact and do little to prevent improper votes from being counted.
- • **Erosion of public confidence:** Massachusetts voters deserve elections that are convenient for eligible citizens but secure enough to inspire confidence from everyone—same-day registration risks this balance.

Election Security is more important than voter convenience.

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