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Dear House Elections & Ethics Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes SB 303 and 304 as passed by the Senate. These bills harm the rights of voters and the efficiency of the election process.

Our concerns about these bills are:

SB 303 – requires a state ID to vote in person on Election Day and removes the option of using an affidavit if voter forgets or does not have a suitable ID. The League opposes this bill because Michigan already has a voter ID law on the books. Voters, 11,400 (.2%), in 82 of 83 counties used the affidavit option to vote in November 2020. This system has worked for decades. Removing the affidavit option makes it more difficult for citizens to vote, especially minorities and low-income voters.

SB 304 - allows elector to verify status within 6 days of the election if the voter used a provisional ballot. An ID must include address or would need a utility bill or bank statement to verify address. The League knows this is current practice, but if SBs 285 and 303 are passed 6 days may not be enough time for people to show up the clerk's office and be processed. Requiring a provisional ballot cause the voter to have to go through the voting process twice.

We urge you oppose this legislation because the bills could adversely impact voters in our elections.

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