

Making It Harder to Vote

To the editor

Dear Editor,

We are all taught in school that the right to vote and citizen participation in governing by voting are fundamental pillars of our democracy.

Why then did our state government pass a law that makes it harder for all citizens to vote, especially our poor, our working folks, our minorities and our elderly.

They say “massive voter fraud,” but they are unable to show or prove any of that fraud.

In truth, as reported by Ed Barnett in the *Raleigh News & Observer* on July 11, it was revealed that from election years 2012 and 2014, investigators only found 11 people that were referred for further review by prosecutors.

They say “too expensive,” but voting is so important to the health of our democracy, how can helping more Americans vote—ever be too expensive?

It is a constitutional right.

All of these reasons are just code words.

What they really mean is “let us make it more difficult for our opponents to vote” by:

- Cutting voting days and weekend hours;
- Cutting Sunday hours for churches;
- Making it harder for poor and elderly citizens;
- Limiting the number and type of acceptable IDs; and
- Ending same day registration and out-of-precinct voting.

There is no hope for North Carolina voters.

This law is now under review in court and may be overturned. A law like it in Texas has already been found to be unconstitutional.

What you ask, can you do to help your family and friends exercise their constitutional right to vote?

Ask your family and friends if they are registered. Help those who do not have a voter ID to get one.

VOLUNTEER to register voters in your precinct location. **WRITE** your state representative to get **THIS LAW REPEALED.**

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