

Please allow me to make several points in favor of HB2687.

Every ballot should count. Supporters of this bill feel it addresses accessibility issues. Whether a vote is counted should not depend on where voters live, whether they are able to drive, whether they have caretakers that will deliver their ballots for them, etc. These voters rely on returning their ballot by mail.

A voter can only control when they mail a ballot and has no control when the ballot is received once mailed. Every mailbox is in reality a drop box. Since every ballot placed in a drop box across the state is counted if deposited by 8 pm election day, let the law treat mailed ballots as if they were placed in any other drop box.

Permitting ballots mailed on election day to be counted removes some of the disadvantages that voters with unreliable mail delivery experience.

23 other states accept mailed ballots after election day.

Passage of this proposal would not result in a deluge of ballots arriving after election day. Research suggests that only 0.3 percent of ballots postmarked on time arrive after election day.

Please vote for HB2687.

Thank you.