



ACTION ALERT!

Urgent - Senate Vote Pending on Election Reform Bill HB 4139

It's an election year and the legislature has produced a comprehensive election reform bill, affirming the necessity to routinely evaluate and protect the integrity of our federal and state elections and to expand opportunities for voter registration. This includes audits of the vote and pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds who will automatically be added to the voter rolls after their 18th birthday.

This is a unique opportunity for significant election and registration improvements in Massachusetts. HB 4139 has been approved by the House and is now up for Senate consideration. Please show our support for an election reform bill by contacting your state Senator. To find your senator click [here](#).

Talking points:

- Annual training of City and Town Clerks by the Secretary of State's office promotes their understanding and effective application of regulations.
- An electronic, downloadable, multi-lingual Voter Registration Form will facilitate enrollment.
- Allowing 16- and 17-year-olds to pre-register will increase registration and civic engagement in young voters.
- Election audits will promote the accurate tally of votes in federal and state elections.
- Funding for audits is available through the Help America Vote Act of 2002
- An Elections Task Force will provide vital expertise in developing workable regulations to implement components of the bill.

The League supports the current bill, but has submitted recommendations to members of the Senate that we feel would strengthen it.

- We recommend routine audits include the election of the state Secretary of State, as this office will manage the audits.
- We recommend including computer security experts and statisticians with an understanding of election audits and other technical matters on the task force.
- We recommend all precinct tally data be made available to the public online within two days of the close of polls but before the drawing of precincts to be audited.
- We recommend extending the archiving of audit results to support future study of the auditing process.
- We recommend increasing support to public high schools and colleges to register young voters.