

# NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING



House Joint Resolution No. 58 (HJ 58) - [Submit Testimony to gaetestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:gaetestimony@cga.ct.gov)  
Proposing an Amendment to the State Constitution to Permit No-Excuse Absentee Voting

***We all want a say***

## **WHAT IS NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING?**

*in the future for our families and communities*

All registered voters have the freedom to vote either in person or by absentee ballot without an “excuse”. A voter can mail in their absentee ballot, use a secure ballot drop box, or deliver it in person to the Town Clerk's office

Absentee ballots are safe, cost effective, efficient and secure

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## **NO EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING PROTECTS AND STRENGTHENS DEMOCRACY**

- Connecticut's record breaking 80% voter turnout in the 2020 General Election was thanks to absentee ballot voting
- More than 650,000 Connecticut voters cast their votes securely using absentee ballots in the 2020 General Election
- **73% of Connecticut voters support giving all voters the option to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse**
- Absentee ballots are only provided to active, eligible voters who request one
- Connecticut used safe, secure absentee ballot drop-boxes for the 2020 General Election. Only staff authorized by the town clerk have access to these official drop boxes
- **79% of Connecticut voters support secure absentee ballot drop boxes**

**In 2021 legislators must pass a proposal to amend the state constitution so voters can then approve it in the 2022 statewide election**

- **Both the House and Senate must pass the proposal with at least a 75% supermajority this legislative session, in which case the proposal would appear before voters as a ballot question in the 2022 statewide election**
- Or, both the House and Senate must pass the proposal with a majority (50%) vote in two consecutive legislatures (not legislative sessions), in which case it would appear on the ballot on the next statewide election after the second vote

*A true democracy that is of, by and for the people must vigorously extend and protect the right to vote to all of its citizens*