

NC lawmakers are considering <u>House Bill 127: "Voter Registration Drive Form."</u> If passed, this bill would immediately **criminalize people or groups' use of voter registration forms during a voter registration drive**. The time to act is now!

When: April 8th at 10:00 AM

Where: NC General Assembly Building, Room 1228/1327 (16 W Jones St, Raleigh, NC 2760)

## **Key Talking Points: OPPOSE House Bill 127!**

- **1.** The Power of Personal Stories Sharing real experiences helps lawmakers understand the true impact on voter registration efforts.
- 2. **Keep Community-Based Voter Registration** Many people rely on community groups to help them register, especially Black and Latine voters, new citizens, and those without a high school diploma. Stopping these efforts would make it harder for them to vote.
- **3. Strengthening Access, Not Creating Barriers** The focus should be on expanding voter outreach, not changing rules that may limit community-driven efforts.
- **4. Resource Gaps** Many people in rural and low-income areas don't have reliable internet or easy ways to register, especially since online voter registration is only available to DMV customers.
- **5. Voter Registration Drives are Safe** Lawmakers should focus on real solutions that help people register, not create more obstacles.

## **Testimony Tips at the NC General Assembly!**

- **Be Clear and Concise:** Keep your message straightforward. Limit your testimony to under 2 minutes (202 to 225 words).
- **Introduce Yourself:** Begin by stating your name. If you're representing an organization, you may be asked to mention that.
- Share a Personal Story: A short story about your experience related to the issue.

## **Sample Testimony Script**

My name is [Your Name], and I am here to oppose House Bill 127. I have seen firsthand how voter registration drives make a difference. [Share a brief personal experience—maybe how you or someone you know benefited from a voter registration drive.] These efforts are critical to make sure that no one is left out simply because of who they are, where they live, or their access to transportation and technology. Instead of making changes that could create more confusion, we should be strengthening voter outreach efforts and ensuring that everyone can register to vote easily. I urge you to vote against HB 127 so we can focus on real solutions that help close the voter registration gap. Thank you!