

Resolution

The Right to Vote

Whereas the right to vote is fundamental to democracy; and

Whereas the United States, the world's oldest continuous democracy, has expanded the franchise throughout her history; and

Whereas voter participation in the United States is below that of other industrial democracies; and

Whereas older Americans often require extra assistance in voting; and

Whereas the presidential election of 2016 and midterm elections of 2018 demonstrated flawed voting procedures in Georgia, Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio and other jurisdictions; and

Whereas there has been an increase in attempts to restrict the right to vote through unduly burdensome identification requirements such as state-issued photo identification and

Whereas many older Americans do not have or cannot afford to obtain birth certificates, passports, drivers licenses, or other forms of state issued identification; and



Whereas states are reducing the number of polling locations leading to long lines and making voting more difficult; and

Whereas attempts in the states are being made to restrict the right to vote and access to voting.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alliance for Retired Americans supports:

- The expansion of early voting, vote by mail, and the use of absentee ballots; and
- The ability to vote without burdensome identification requirements; and
- The availability of ballots for the disabled and visually impaired; and
- Polling places that are accessible for Americans with disabilities; and
- Same day voter registration.