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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 its 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 approximately 154 million Americans voted in the 2024 presidential election, representing about 65% of eligible voters, with 29% of voters, about 44 to 45 million, cast their ballots by mail; 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, the elimination of drop boxes to return mail ballots, and restrictions on in-person early voting; 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 measures to combat these anti-democratic policies have found little success; and

Whereas the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, H.R. 14, S. 4, introduced by Rep. Terri Sewell (AL), Sen. Raphael Warnock (GA), would restore and strengthen key protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, including federal oversight of discriminatory voting changes in jurisdictions with a history of voter suppression; and

Whereas the Alliance opposes any policy that will erect barriers or make it more difficult for all Americans, especially older Americans, to exercise their constitutional right to vote; and

Whereas the Alliance has been actively engaged in litigation in numerous states and dozens of cases since 2020 to ensure seniors can cast their ballots without undue burdens and have their votes counted; and

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

- The expansion of early voting, vote by mail, and the use of no-excuse absentee ballots; and
- The ability to vote without burdensome identification

requirements such as passports and birth certificates;
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; and
- Secure ballot drop boxes are available in every state and they are accessible 24 hours a day.