

VOTE NO ON AUGUST 8TH

Since 1912, Ohioans have used citizen-led ballot initiatives to have a direct say in our government. **But now, some politicians and big special interests are attempting to re-write the rules to end majority rule.** On August 8, join Ohioans across the state to reject the power grab: **vote NO on Issue 1!**

A yes vote in August would **make it harder for issues to get onto the ballot** by requiring signature collection in all 88 counties, and **it would raise the pass rate from 50%+1 to 60%+1** for constitutional amendments. It would end majority rule: **40% of voters would be able to block what the majority wants.** Those in power and special interests backing August's Issue 1 think they can slip these changes through in an August Special Election when voter turnout is low. **Ohioans reject Issue 1 as unfair, unpopular, undemocratic, and unnecessary!**

Unfair & Unnecessary - Ohio citizens must already secure hundreds of thousands of verified signatures in at least half of Ohio's 88 counties to put an initiative on the ballot. This proposed resolution would make it almost impossible for anyone *except* big money special interests to successfully pass a ballot initiative in Ohio. Issue 1 rigs the process against everyday Ohioans and takes away our rights.

Unpopular - **Ohioans from all sides of the political spectrum are speaking out against this cynical attack on our democracy**, including four living former governors (two Republicans, two Democrats), five former attorney generals, editorial boards across the state, and a coalition of organizations (including labor) that represents millions of Ohioans. It's not just Ohioans who don't like the idea of giving up their power to the state legislature: similar proposals were recently rejected in Arkansas and South Dakota.

Undemocratic - **The vote in August is bigger than any one specific ballot proposal.** It's about preserving the right of the people of Ohio to bring issues directly to the ballot and make decisions about issues that are important to them. Ohioans only use the citizen initiative if the state legislature is not accountable to the voters—and we know the gerrymandered maps mean our Ohio Representatives and Senators are not accountable and are not listening to our concerns. Making it harder for citizen-led ballot initiatives to pass is their latest attempt to silence Ohioans.

Passing Issue 1 means politicians and special interests get what *they* want, not what the people want. They think they can fool Ohioans into giving away their rights. **Keep your power: Vote NO on August 8!**

For more information, go to votenoinaugust.org